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A PIRATE'S TALE

THAT SHIP-- IS IT PURSUING US?
I DON'T BELIEVE SO, ASAHI!
THEY'RE NOT FROM RYUTEN
WOOSH
THEN THERE'S NO NEED TO RUN FROM THEM, MIMASAKA!
BUT COMMUNICATION LINES ARE OPEN. THEY WANT TO TALK TO YOU.
WHAT ARE YOUR ORDERS?
RESPOND IN KIND, PLEASE
I'LL TALK TO THEM ♡
RIGHT AWAY. ♡

BREEP BREEP BREEP
UNKNOWN SHIP APPROACHING AT 20,000 KILOMETERS!
THAT'S A BIT AHEAD OF SCHEDULE!
CLEARLY NOT OUR TARGET. JUST IGNORE IT!
SINCE IT'S HERE--
--WE MIGHT AS WELL TALK TO IT!
NO WAY...
OPEN HAILING FREQUENCIES!
WHATEVER YOU SAY, MINAGI!
FMM FMM FMM FMM FMM

HUH?!
.....
RSH RSH RSH RSH
SO, HINASE... TELL ME SOME-THING?
S.. SURE...
THAT GIRL, DO YOU THINK SHE...?
YES, I GUESS.
NO...I AM POSITIVE THAT...

TING!
OH!
THERE YOU ARE! ♡
..
WHAT'S THE BIG HURRY?
NOT LISTENING
MY NAME IS MINAGI, AND THIS IS MY SHIP, HINASE!
RYO... RYO... KO?
B-DOOM
B-DOOM
SPACE PIRATE RYOKO?!
WHAT?

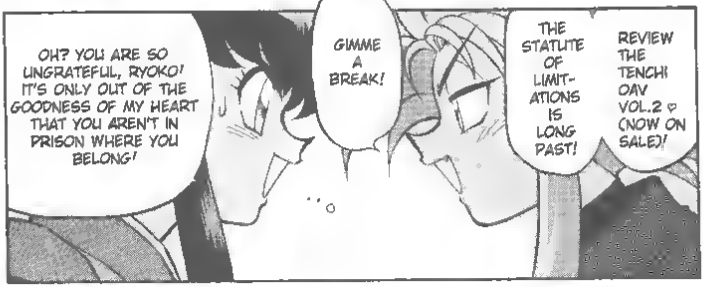
HELLLPP!!
VOOOOSH
HA, HA, HA! ASAHI, YOU'RE TOO MUCH FUN!
BUT, BEWARE-- IT WON'T TAKE LONG FOR THEM TO CATCH UP!
HEY! WAKE UP!!
HO HO!
DON'T YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS?!
BADOOM

..SHE HAS MISTAKEN YOU FOR RYOKO..
HEH--
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA--!
AFTER THEM, HINASE!
VROOOSH
WE'VE GOT TO CLEAR UP THIS MISUNDER-STANDING!
UNDER-STOOD!
OH NO! THAT SHIP IS COMING AFTER US!
BUT WHY!?
WHY DO YOU THINK, DUMMY?
THEY WANT OUR TREASURE-- AND OUR LIVES!

ARE YOU GETTING SMART WITH ME?!
OH, YOU TWO! CAN'T WE JUST ENJOY THE SHOW?!
.....
LET'S GO TO THE PARK, RYO-OH-KI.
MREOW!
!
HUH? WHAT'S WRONG?
BONG!
BONG!
MRROOW!
MYOW MYOW MREOW!
MEOOOWW!!!

THIS MAN IS THE FORMER VICE-SHOGUN, MITO-MITSUKUNI!
CHMP! CHMP!
WHAT A HUNK!
W, O, W,
I'LL SAY!
ALL OF YOU! BOW DOWN TO THE GROUND!

OH, THIS IS THE BEST MOMENT OF MY FAVORITE TV SHOW!
BOW !!
THIS WAS SO COOL!
WHAT A SNOB!
YOU JUST WANT TO IMPRESS EVERY-ONE, AYEKA!
SMUP


OH? YOU ARE SO UNGRATEFUL, RYOKO! IT'S ONLY OUT OF THE GOODNESS OF MY HEART THAT YOU AREN'T IN PRISON WHERE YOU BELONG!
GIMME A BREAK!
THE STATUTE OF LIMIT-ATIONS IS LONG PAST!
REVIEW THE TENCHI OAV VOL.2 ♡ (NOW ON SALE)!

YOU ASKED FOR IT!
CRASH!
BIG DEAL!!
WHEEEE!!
THEY'RE PLAYING ROUGH TODAY..
CHOP CHOP
SHOULDN'T YOU DO SOME-THING?
THEY'LL BE OKAY...
HMM?

VROOOOOSH

MAYBE RYOKO HAS A CRUSH ON YOU, ASAH!!
NOOOOOOOO!!!
WHAT DID I DO TO DESERVE THIS?
NOTHING! BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE TO HER!

THIS MUST JUST BE YOUR FATE!
WAAAH!!
LISTEN UP! I'M A GOOD PIRATE!
I'M NOT VIOLENT, COWARDLY, OR DESTRUCTIVE --LIKE RYOKO! SO QUIT THE HYSTERICS!
MINAGI ...ARE YOU SURE YOU SHOULD ...?
HOW COME WE'RE STILL CONVERSING?
I THINK!

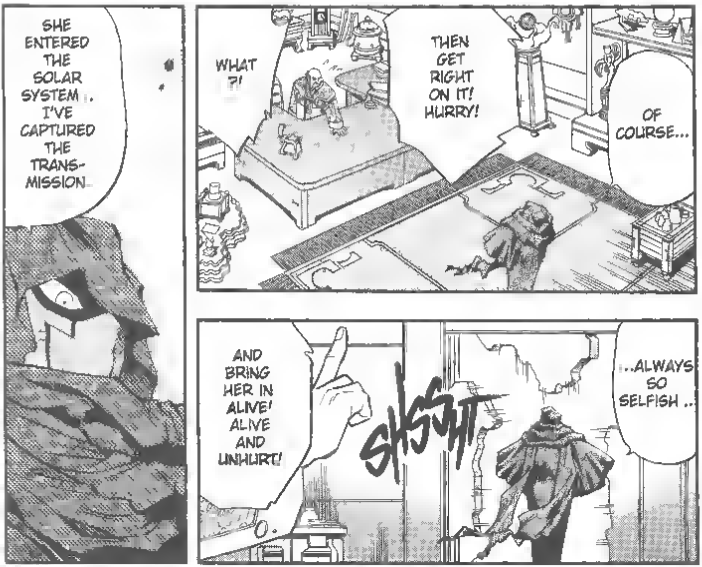
SHEEEEEEEEEEEEDD
YOU HEAR ME?! GET OUTTA HERE!
STAY AWAY !!
AGH!!
HOW MANY TIMES .!?

VREEEN
MROW !
BLING!
MEO MREOO MYOO MREOW!
WHAT !?
A SHIP IS CRASHING-- HERE!?

OHHH... MI... MINAGI!
KOLEEW
HA, HA, HA!
THE HOUSE--- IT'S ALL RIGHT...!
ARE YOU OKAY, TENCHI?
TENCHI! OH!
BUPBOP.
BUPBUPBUP
OH, NO! ARE YOU HURT, TENCHI?
TUP!
WHAT KIND OF SHIP IS THIS?
NOT THE KIND MOST PIRATES WOULD LAUNCH AN ATTACK WITH, EH?
I DIDN'T! BUT THIS SHIP IS SO IMPOLITE! SHE THOUGHT I WAS RYOKO! CAN YOU IMAGINE?
WHAT AN INSULT!
GRRRR!!

SMASH
VEEEEEEM
OH, DEAR !!

MAYBE SHE DIDN'T GO TO JURAI!
NONSENSE! WHERE ELSE WOULD SHE GO FOR HELP, HISHIMA?


SHE ENTERED THE SOLAR SYSTEM.. I'VE CAPTURED THE TRANS-MISSION
WHAT?!
THEN GET RIGHT ON IT! HURRY!
OF COURSE...
AND BRING HER IN ALIVE! ALIVE AND UNHURT!
SHSSHT
..ALWAYS SO SELFISH..

MEANWHILE ON RYUTEN, ONE OF JURAI'S SISTER PLANETS...
NOT YET !?
WHY CAN'T YOU CAPTURE TAKEBE'S BABY DAUGHTER!?
WE'VE STOPPED ALL THE SPACE TRAFFIC TO THE PLANET JURAI!
HOW ?
HOW DID SHE SLIP THROUGH OUR FINGERS?
TATETSUKI: ROYAL WOOD SCULPTOR TO THE ROYAL FAMILY OF JURAI

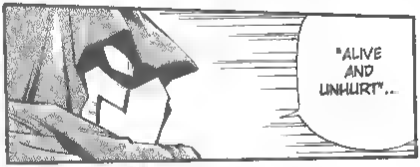
UNGH...
OOMPH

WH-WHERE ?
EARTH ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
HERE! HAVE A NICE GLASS OF WATER!
WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

HOW SWEET OF YOU!
BYUOW

HEY, HISHIMA! LET ME GO!
OKAY, MUSHIMA...
...AS YOU WISH.

WOW, THANKS! I WAS REALLY GETTING SICK OF THE SMELL!


"ALIVE AND UNHURT"..

DAMN! EASIER SAID THAN DONE!
ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

ALL RIGHT, THEN!
WE'LL DO OUR BEST...
MY THOUGHTS, EXACTLY... HEH, HEH...

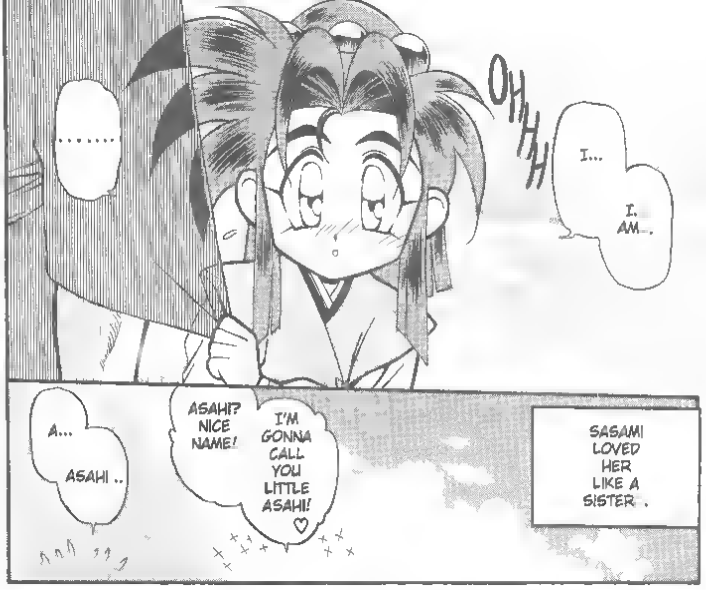
HOW NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN! ♡
YOU'RE SO GROWN UP! ♡
IT'S BEEN, OH, 700 YEARS SINCE WE LAST SAW EACH OTHER!
AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO'S LOST HERE?
YOU AND ME BOTH, RYOKO!
OH! I'M SO SORRY.
I...

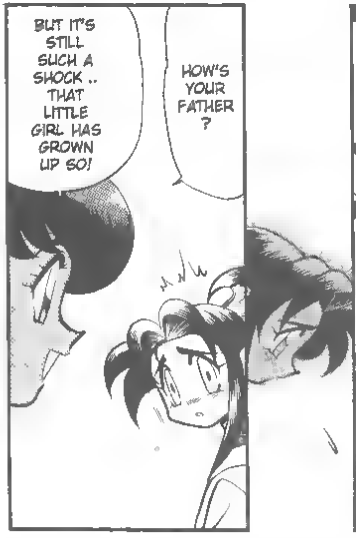
BIG SISTER SASAMI!?
AND BIG SISTER AYEKA!
Y...
YES ?
SO YOU'RE BOTH ALIVE AND WELL ...!?
WHAT DO YOU M...
HAVE THEY MET BEFORE?
GUESS SO..
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ?
I'M ASAHI, TAKEBE'S DAUGHTER...
OH! A-ASAHI!?
ASAHI!?

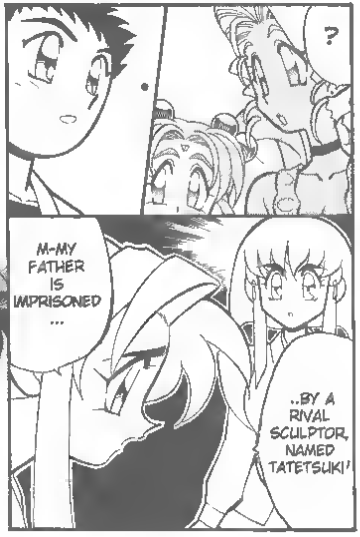
HER NAME IS ASAHI TAKEBE, THE ONLY DAUGHTER OF TAKEBE, WOOD SCULTOR OF PLANET RYUTEN
PLANET RYUTEN IS ABOUT 0.4 PARSECS AWAY FROM JURAI, AND IT'S THE ONLY PLANET THAT GROWS THE GIANT TREES USED AS SPACESHIPS.
RYUTEN IS ALSO A LUXURIOUS RESORT PLANET. WE VACTIONED THERE OFTEN.
WHO'S THAT GIRL?
COME ON!
SAY HI, ASAHI!
SHE WAS VERY, VERY SHY AS A KID!
AH!
I'M SASAMI! NICE TA MEETCHA!

?!!!
WHAT'S WRONG?
GREAT SHE FAINTED!
OUT LIKE A LIGHT...
...I SEE. I THINK...
I HAD NO IDEA...
PLEASE, YOU MUST EXCUSE ME.
SURE--WHATEVER!
SHE'S TALKING TO ME, RYOKO!
SO NOW YOU CAN TELL US HOW YOU KNOW THIS GIRL?
SORRY, WASHU! OF COURSE...
TRY SOME LIME GELATIN! IT'S DELISH!
CHOMP CHOMP

MASTER SCULPTOR HOURAN NAMED MY FATHER AS HIS SUCCESSOR BEFORE HE DIED...
...PERHAPS BECAUSE HE FOUND TATETSUKI SOMEHOW UNWORTHY...
TATETSUKI WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED. HE LEFT THE PLANET FOR A TIME...
BUT ONE DAY HE RETURNED-- WITH THREE STRANGE MEN.
A SHORT TIME LATER, MY FATHER WAS CAPTURED.
I WAS HEADING FOR JURA FOR HELP, BUT TATETSUKI HAD ALREADY CLOSED ALL THE ROUTES! THEN I MET MINAGI AND...
...AND YOU FELL INTO THE POND!
YES, I FELL INTO THE POND.

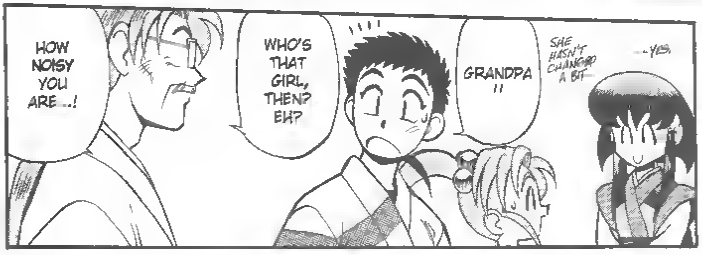

.....
OHHH
I...
I. AM..
A...
ASAHI..
ASAHI? NICE NAME!
I'M GONNA CALL YOU LITTLE ASAHI!
SASAMI LOVED HER LIKE A SISTER.

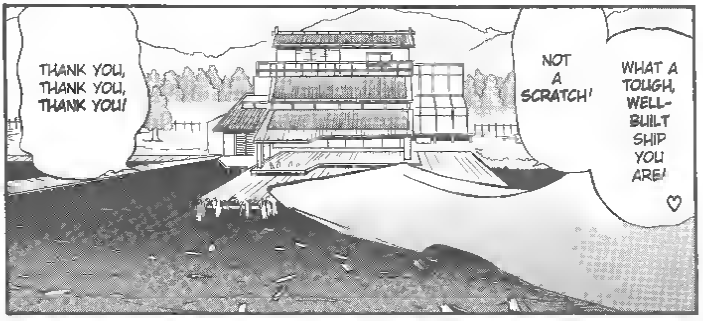

BUT IT'S STILL SUCH A SHOCK.. THAT LITTLE GIRL HAS GROWN UP SO!
HOW'S YOUR FATHER?


?
M-MY FATHER IS IMPRISONED...
..BY A RIVAL SCULPTOR, NAMED TATETSUKI!

OH! >SOB!< WHAT WOULD I DO WITHOUT YOU?
WHAT'S WITH HER?
SHE'S A FOOL FOR SKILLED CRAFTSMANSHIP
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO TO JURAI ANYMORE
YOU CAN JUST CALL THEM FROM HERE
NO, I CAN'T...
MY FATHER IS ACCUSED OF MURDERING HOURAN...
WHAT !?
IMPOSSIBLE!
BUT IF THAT'S THE SITUATION, WHAT CAN WE DO?
AYEKA'S SILLY TV PROGRAM...
YOWTCH! RYOKO!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
SORRY.
heh heh heh

OH!
MIMASAKA!!


HOW NOISY YOU ARE...!
WHO'S THAT GIRL, THEN? EH?
GRANDPA!!
SHE HASN'T CHANGED A BIT—
—YES.


THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!
NOT A SCRATCH!
WHAT A TOUGH, WELL-BUILT SHIP YOU ARE!

WITH THE MASTER DEAD THERE ARE THOSE WHO CONSPIRE ON THE PLANET RYUTEN...
BUT OTHERS BAND TOGETHER TO FIGHT AGAINST EVIL IN ALL ITS FORMS
LET'S GO !!!!
WHAT LIES BEFORE THEM?! ONLY A UNIVERSE ... FRAUGHT WITH DANGER!!
YO!
LET'S NOT GET CARRIED AWAY, WASHU!
BUT YOU NEED A COSTUME!
WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?
AYEKA I'LL NEVER FORGET YOUR KINDNESS!
WATCH THESE VIDEOS, MINAGI!
MITO VICE-SHOGUN DRAMA VIDEO SERIES 1-7

LET'S BRING THE BAD GUYS TO JUSTICE!
IT'LL BE JUST LIKE ON TV--ONLY FOR REAL!
NOT THE FORMER VICE SHOGUN-- BUT THE EX-PRINCE.
LET'S GO TO THE PLANET RYUTEN!!
RYOKO...!
Y-YOU MEAN--YOU'LL HELP ME?
WOW !!!
WHAT? WHAT IS THAT?
DO I GET THE ROLE OF VICE-SHOGUN?
AWW...
DONG
DING
BUT TENCHI WILL HAVE THE BEST PART!
OH?
BEST WISHES TO YOU--SHOGUN!
WHAT INSPIRED CASTING!
HUH?
THE #1 MAN IN JAPAN!
TA-
PAH!
WHAT'S A "SHOGUN"?!
COOL! TENCHI'LL BE A STAR!

VMMM
VMMM
VMMM
VMM
OH MY!
WHAT IS SHE DOING?
WELL, ASAHI'S DAD IS A FAMOUS SCULPTOR. I GUESS IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY....

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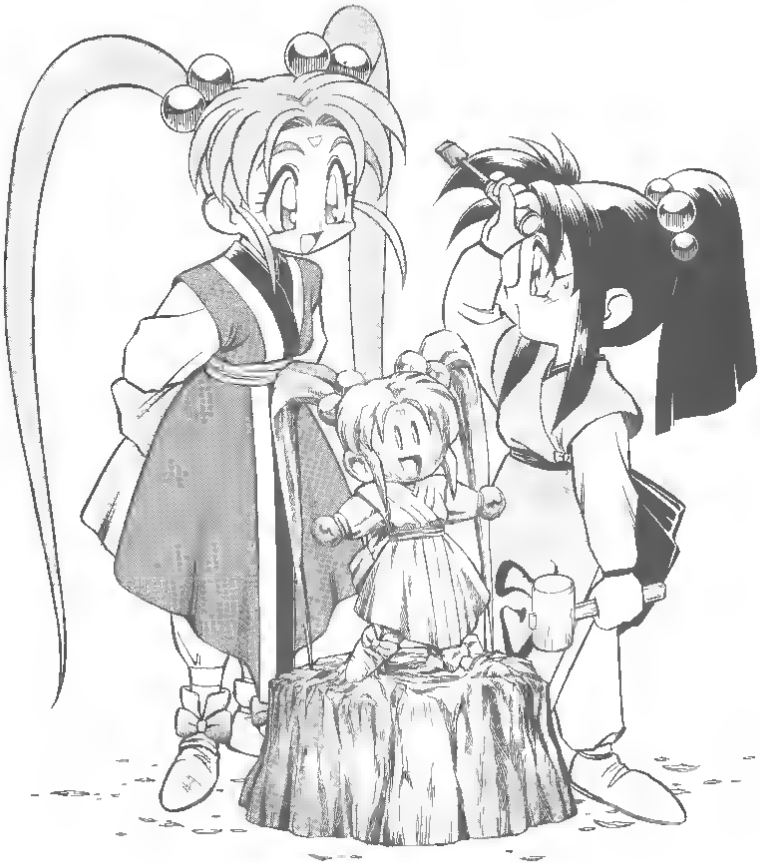
ALLERGIC REACTION



WOULD YOU STOP THAT, RYOKO?!
BUT YOU LOOK SO GOOD IN IT! ♡
TMP
TMP
TMP
URGH! THOSE KIDS ..
GIVE UP, TENCHI!
HEH, HEH! ♡
NO, NO !
HELP ME, MINAGI! HELP !

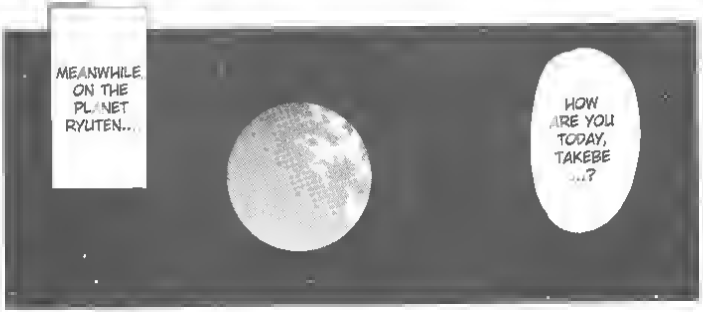
DONK!
SWISH!
?
CHOK TOK CHOK TOK
GIVE HER A PIECE OF WOOD, AND SHE STARTS CARVING!
SO SHE'S A CARVING CRAZY, EH?
TUMPA TUMPA

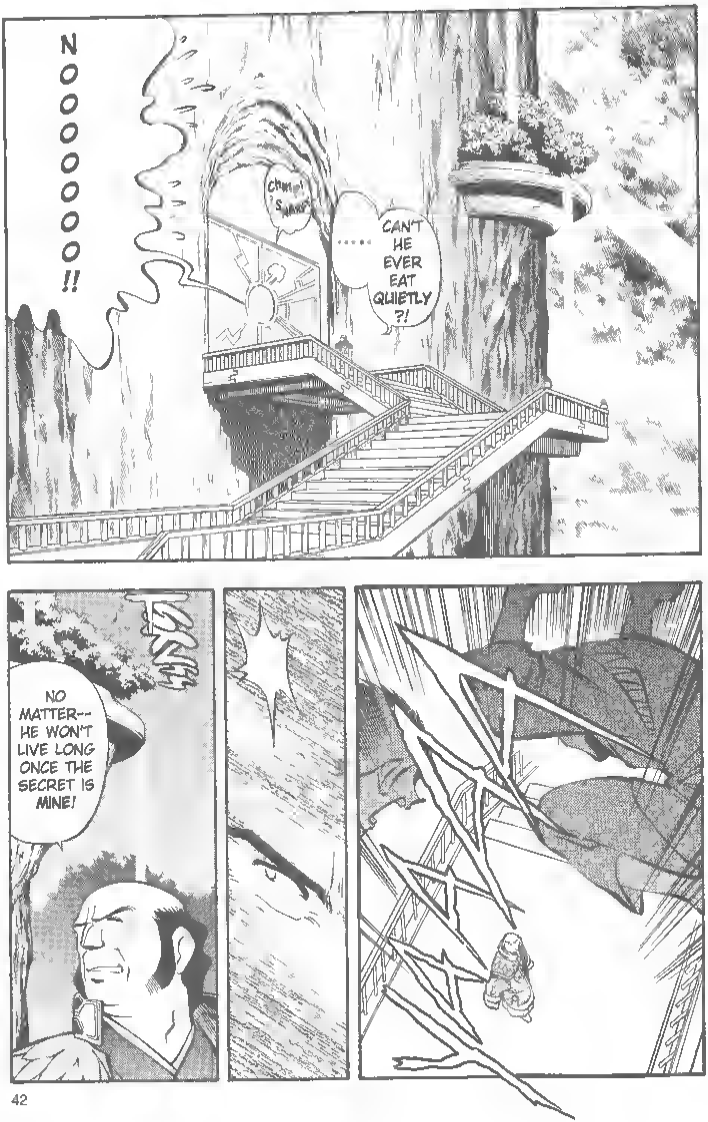
NOW I MUST GO! YAHICHI AND THE VICE-SHOGUN MUST WORK SEPARATELY!
WOW...
HELLO !?
CATCH YOU LATER, TENCHI!
SHE'S TOTALLY INTO IT!
NO !!
VOOOSH!
THE BEAUTIFUL SHIP-- IT'S LEAVING !
DARN! I WANTED TO DO YAHICHI!
I SHOULD HAVE CALLED DIBS FIRST.
OH? I THOUGHT YOU'D TAKE THE ROLE OF THE MONKEY OF TSUGE!
Hee! Hee! Hee!
IT CERTAINLY SUITS YOU BEST!

MINAGI ?
YAHICHI IS JUST THE COOLEST !
Si ooh...
HEY, TENCHI !
YOU HAVEN'T PICKED OUT THE REST OF THE CAST YET, HAVE YOU?
HUH ?
SO I'LL DO THE ROLE OF YAHICHI!
YOU WILL ?

TATETSUKI! WH-WHY?
WHY DO THIS TO ME!?
OH, HUSH UP.
I BROUGHT SOME FOOD
MY MOTIVES ARE OBVIOUS..
HOW COULD YOU EXPECT TO ASCEND TO THE POST OF ROYAL SCULPTOR OVER ME?!
NOW HAND OVER THE SECRET MATERIAL COME ON..
Ka-CHMP
NEVER!
ASAHI'S FATHER, NOMORI TAKEBE

AND YOU'LL PLAY THE OLD WOMAN, AYEKA!
WHO MADE YOU THE BOSS OF ME?
GRRRGRRR
UMM, MAY I-- MAY I GET A ROLE? HMM? ♡
POMM
POMM
DEFINITELY!
YOU'RE PERFECT FOR THE CHARACTER OF HACHIBE! THE SLOB!
WAAAH ...!

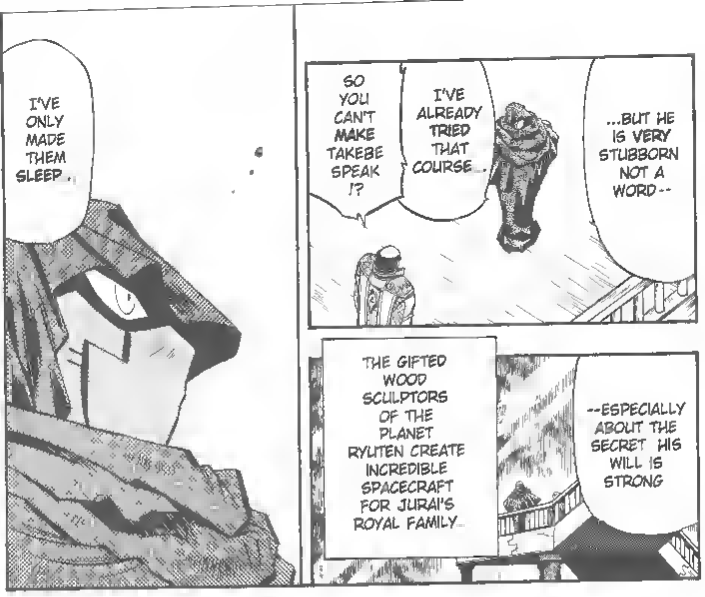

MEANWHILE, ON THE PLANET RYUTEN...
HOW ARE YOU TODAY, TAKEBE ...?


NOOOOOOOO!!
CHUU~! SLURRP
..... CAN'T HE EVER EAT QUIETLY ?!
NO MATTER--- HE WON'T LIVE LONG ONCE THE SECRET IS MINE!

DAMN!
SUCH STUBBORNNESS!
SHUP
SOON, TAKEBE, YOU'LL OBEY MY EVERY WHIM!
TH TH TH
HEH, HEH, HEH..
SHSHSH
YAHAHA!
ASAHI.
..PLEASE-- RUN AWAY.
IF THEY CATCH YOU...
chup
much
chup
much
I CAN'T GO ON.. I CAN'T...!
CHAP!

SHUT UP, YOU BASTARD !!
HISHIMA
!

KRONK
OHO! TAKEBE'S STUDENTS!
EVERYONE ON RYLITEN AND JURA! BELIEVES TAKEBE HAS DISAPPEARED.
...SO HOW DID YOU TWO HEAR OF THIS PLACE?
HE'S GOOD! PROCEED WITH CAUTION.
WOW! PRETTY QUICK FOR A FAT OLD GEEZER!


I'VE ONLY MADE THEM SLEEP.
SO YOU CAN'T MAKE TAKEBE SPEAK !?
I'VE ALREADY TRIED THAT COURSE.
...BUT HE IS VERY STUBBORN NOT A WORD--
THE GIFTED WOOD SCULPTORS OF THE PLANET RYUTEN CREATE INCREDIBLE SPACECRAFT FOR JURAI'S ROYAL FAMILY.
--ESPECIALLY ABOUT THE SECRET HIS WILL IS STRONG

OF ALL THE CRAFTSPEOPLE, THE SCULPTORS ARE GIVEN THE GREATEST POWER.

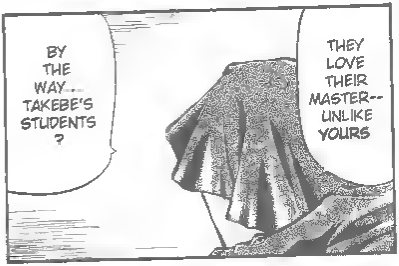
...AND TATETSUKI DESPERATELY WANTS THEIR PRIVILEGED INFORMATION!

HIS GOAL! TO SUCCEED HOURAN AS THE HOU FAMILY'S MASTER SCULPTOR-- AND TO DO SO, HE MUST ACQUIRE TAKEBE'S SECRETS!

D..DH!!
AIEEEE!!
CRACK!
?!
ARE THEY DEAD ?

COME AND GET IT!
I'M FAMISHED !!
YUM
WOW ! ♡
YUM
SASAMI, THIS IS WONDERFUL! YOU'RE A MASTER CHEF!
I CAN'T TAKE THE CREDIT-- ASAHI HELPED ME OUT!
OH, NO! I WAS JUST STUDYING HER TECHNIQUE!
TEE HEE! ASAHI IS SASAMI'S BIGGEST FAN!
AW, SHUCKS, AYEKA!
IT'S TRUE !
I ADMIRE SASAMI MORE THAN EVER!

LET THEM GO?! THEY'LL BE BACK!
I'VE SCANNED THEIR MINDS TO LEARN HOW MANY MEN KNOW OF THIS PLACE...
...THEN ERASED THIS INCIDENT FROM THEIR MEMORIES


BY THE WAY... TAKEBE'S STUDENTS ?
THEY LOVE THEIR MASTER-- UNLIKE YOURS

DAMN YOU...

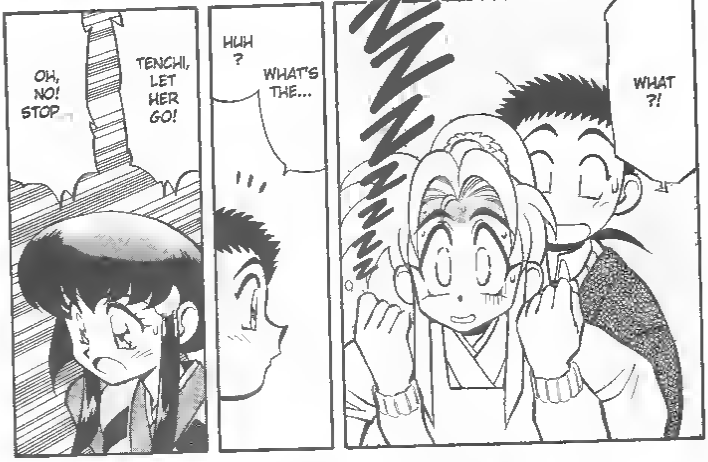
I'LL BE BACK-- SOON.
FWUTT

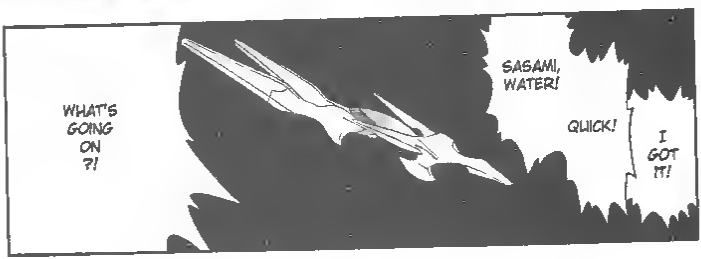
NO SELF-CONTROL, THAT MAN!
HE JUST SAYS WHATEVER POPS INTO HIS HEAD

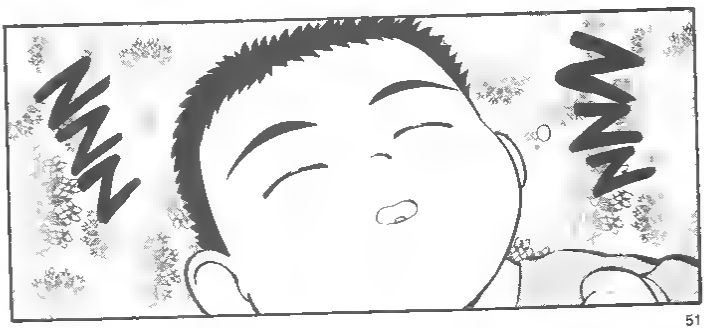
YOU'RE RIGHT! THERE'S ALMOST NO FLAVOR AT ALL!
BLUP! BLUP!
SLIP
YES!
JUST RIGHT!
SH-SHE'S..
NUTS!
OH DEAR! I'LL JUST HAVE TO SPICE UP EVERYONE'S DINNER!
WHAT?!
GLOMP!
HOLD ON THERE!
I LIKE MY FOOD NOT-TOO-SPICY!

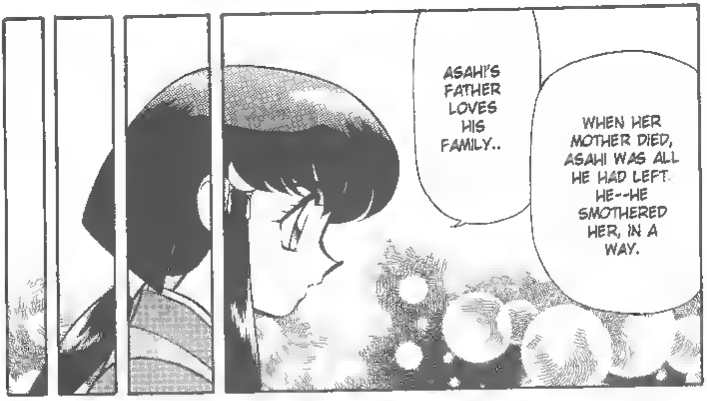
WELL, LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSI-NESS... ♡
WASHU! SHOULDN'T WE EAT TOGETHER ?
MNCH MNCH
URP!
KABOOM
DON'T YOU LIKE IT?
IT'S NOT THAT!
HFF HFF HFF
IT'S SO SPICY HOT!
I DON'T THINK SO-- AT ALL!
CHOMP
URM
SEE WHAT I MEAN?!
YOU'VE TOTALLY MESSED UP THE SPICES!

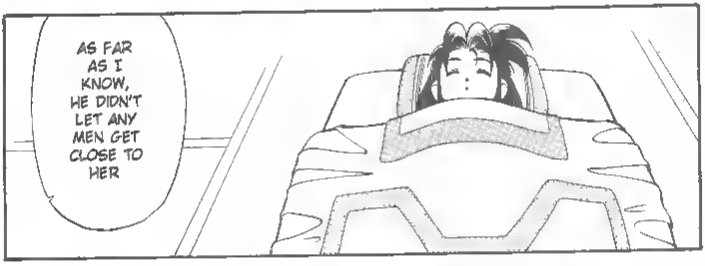
HOW NICE! HE'S FINALLY FALLEN ASLEEP.
HE'S SO CUTE...
...JUST LIKE LITTLE TENCHI WAS...
I'M SORRY.
I DIDN'T REALIZE TENCHI WAS AWAY..
...LEAVING YOU TO BABY-SIT...
THAT'S ALL RIGHT. YOU HAVE WORK TO DO. I CAN TAKE CARE OF THE BABY FOR AWHILE.
I REALLY APPRE-CIATE IT!
.....
HUMM...
OH!
HE'S AWAKE!

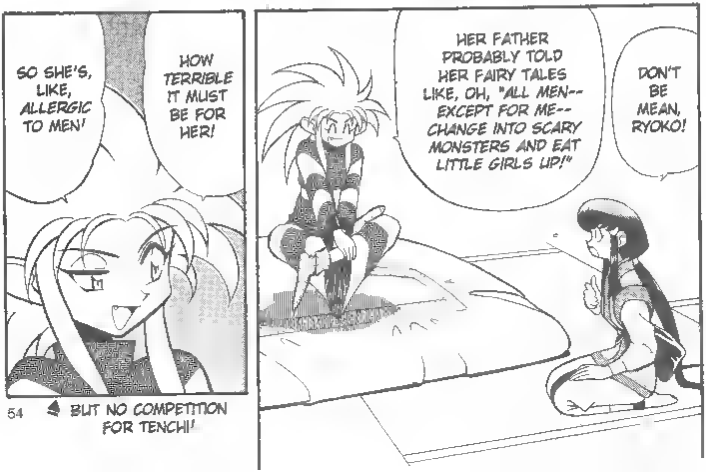

OH, NO! STOP
TENCHI, LET HER GO!
HUH ?
WHAT'S THE...
WHAT ?!


WHAT'S GOING ON ?!
SASAMI, WATER!
QUICK!
I GOT IT!





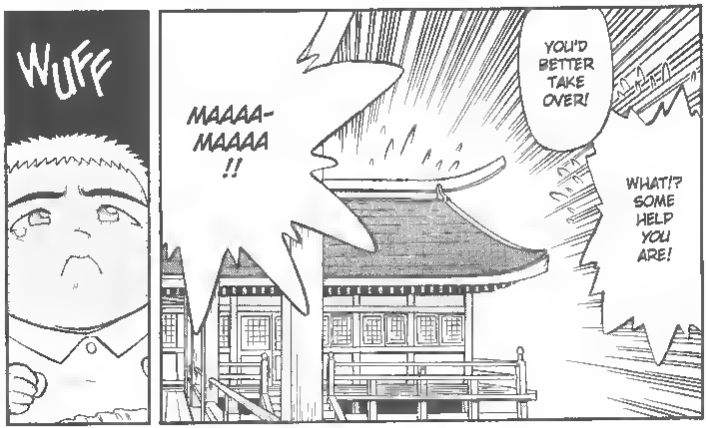



SO SHE'S, LIKE, ALLERGIC TO MEN!
HOW TERRIBLE IT MUST BE FOR HER!
HER FATHER PROBABLY TOLD HER FAIRY TALES LIKE, OH, "ALL MEN-- EXCEPT FOR ME-- CHANGE INTO SCARY MONSTERS AND EAT LITTLE GIRLS UP!"
DON'T BE MEAN, RYOKO!

BUT NO COMPETITION FOR TENCHI!

YOU WERE TALKING TOO LOUDLY.
SHHH
SO WERE YOU!
FWP
FWP
FWP
FWP
?

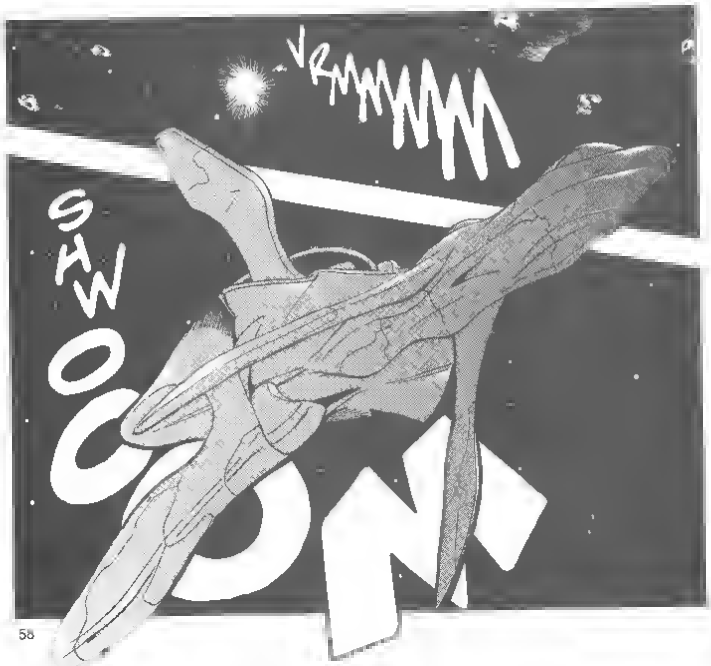
UH-OH!
HERE IT COMES!


WUFF
MAAAA-MAAAA !!
YOU'D BETTER TAKE OVER!
WHAT!? SOME HELP YOU ARE!

BUT...
BUT...
ASAHI...
DON'T LET IT GET TO YOU.
IF YOU WANT TO CHANGE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT MEN, YOU CAN!
pat.. pat..

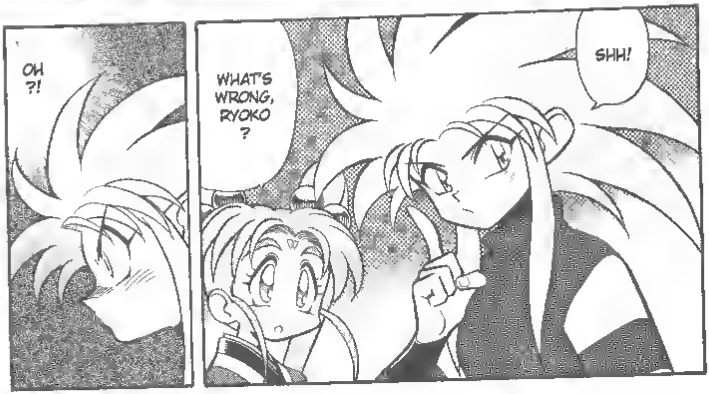
HOW DID YOU KNOW ?!
YAAAA!
BUT I'M NOT A CHILD ANYMORE!
SHE IS AFTER HIM!
URK!
I KNEW HE WAS MAKING IT ALL UP AT LEAST A YEAR AGO!
KABOOM
THAT MEANS SHE DIDN'T FIGURE IT OUT UNTIL SHE WAS THIRTEEN . !
BUT...
I KNOW IT'S NOT TRUE.
I KNOW THAT IN MY HEAD. .

KA-KRECH-TCH
WELL, HER BODY CERTAINLY IS!
NO PRETENSE THERE!


VRMMMMM
SHWOOSH

HE'S SO SWEET!
B-NK
TENCHI...
I...
THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!
HEY! HEY!
SNEEZE OR SOME-THING!
AREN'T YOU ALLERGIC TO MEN!?

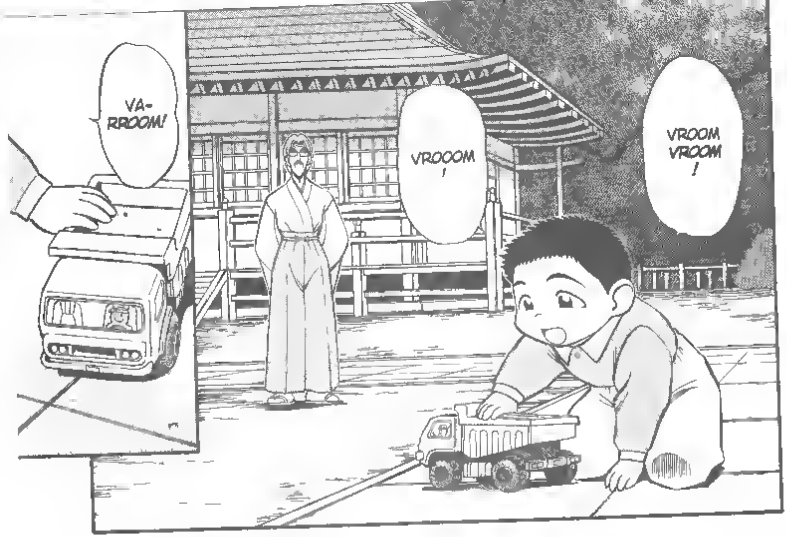
HYAHA


OH ?!
WHAT'S WRONG, RYOKO ?
SHH!

DAMN!
I'M LOSING TRACK OF TAKEBE'S DAUGHTER AS I PASS THIS CLUSTER!
HER SHIP'S RADIO WAVES WERE OBSTRUCTED...!
...JUST BEFORE SHE LANDED ON COLONIAL PLANET #0315!
HISHIMA, DON'T THINK YOU WILL BE IN CHARGE FOREVER!
WITH THIS MISSION, I'LL GAIN CONTROL!
HA..
HEH, HEH, HEH..
HAHA HAHA HA!!

OUCH..
RYOKO, NO FAKING A HEADACHE TO GET OUT OF THE GAME!
THE LOSER IS GOING TO WASH THE DISHES--AND IT'LL BE YOU!
ZAAA ZAAA
WASHU, YOU WON'T BEAT ME THAT EASILY!
MY! ISN'T SHE COCKY!
WHAK!
OUCH!
TENCHI AND HI'S COMRADES ARE HEADING TO THE PLANET RYUTEN MEANWHILE...
EASY! SO VERY EASY!
HAHA HAHA HAHA
KUUUU
EARTH
...THE EARTH IS UNAWARE OF THE APPROACHING DANGER...
heh heh heh
GOYOMG
.....
--EVEN WELCOMING IT!

MIMASAKA
I FEEL ...
...SOME KIND OF DANGEROUS ENERGY...
BAM BOM


VA-RROOM!
VROOOM
VROOM VROOM!

YES INDEED--CHILDREN ARE BORN TO PLAY OUTDOORS!
PERHAPS I SHOULD START TEACHING TARO SWORD PLAY IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

Tales of Tenchi #3
DESTINY'S THREAD

FWOSH
WHO ARE YOU?
YOU DON'T SEEM LIKE THE PRAYING SORT...
FEH!
A CRAZY OLD MAN AND A BRAT!
AND-- TO ADD INJURY TO INSULT-- YOU STINK JUST LIKE RYUTEN!
SHAAAAAAAA

KANG!
THIS IS WHERE MIMASAKA'S ENGINE SIGNATURE VANISHES!
HMPH
COLONIAL PLANET #0315-- WHAT A WASTE OF TIME!

THANKS FOR TAKING OVER-- HAVE FUN!
I WILL!
ASAHI- MY HERO! WHO WOULDA GUESSED?
SLAP!
AAAGGH!!
BONK
HOW DARE YOU TAKE GROSS ADVANTAGE OF ASAHI'S GENEROUS NATURE, RYOKO?
I DON'T MIND, BIG SISTER.
OOH, THAT REALLY SMARTS..
THROB! THROB!
I'LL SHOW YOU, AYEKA!
SLOOSH

KRSH!
URRRK!
CHEAP DISHES-- LOOK HOW EASILY THEY BREAK!
SINCE RYOKO LOST A CARD GAME LAST CHAPTER, SHE'S STUCK WITH DISH-WASHING DUTY!
MRREOW!
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
WHO USES EXCESSIVE FORCE?
ME-YELP!
U-UH.. LADY RYOKO ...?
WOULD YOU PERMIT ME TO ASSIST YOU? I'D BE HAPPY TO..

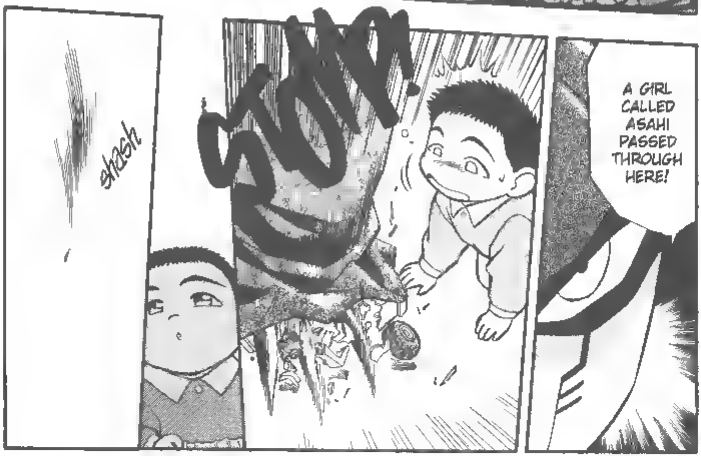
ka-TONK!
tee hee
AAAH-- NOW THIS IS HEAVEN!
WHAT A DELIGHTFUL AMBIANCE! JUST WHAT WE NEEDED!
THANK YOU, BIG SISTER!
SHE HAS REGAINED HER SUNNY DISPOSITION!
NOTHING LIKE A NICE BATH AFTER A HARD DAY'S WORK!
A HARD DAY AVOIDING WORK...
WHAT ABOUT THE KITCHEN, HMM?
YES, WELL ...

RYOKO! HOW COULD YOU!
OH... OH... OH...! BIG SISTERS!
KAN-PAI!
WHA--?!
UH-OH! SASAMI...
TOOO

IF YOU KNOW WHERE SHE WENT, TALK--AND FAST!!
W...
WA...
FSH
FSH
FSH
OR ELSE..
WAAAH
SHUT UP, BRAT !!
WAAH ?!
AN EMISSARY FROM THE PLANET RYUTEN... AND HE'S AFTER ASAHI...!
SUDDENLY APPEARING FROM NOWHERE-- DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S RATHER RUDE?
ARE YOU PLANNING TO TAKE THAT POOR, DEFENSELESS BABY HOSTAGE OR SOMETHING?
HUH ?
U-UH ... OH
WAAAH!!

WHAT!? YOU GOT TENCHI TO--?!
I TOLD HIM I'D TAKE CARE OF IT LATER, BUT HE INSISTED..
SIGH... SINCE THIS MAY BE MY ONLY APPEARANCE THIS ISSUE, I'D BETTER KEEP WORKING..
HMPH... AND I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THE MAIN CHARACTER!

HEY, OLD MAN...
...IF YOU'RE NOT SENILE, ANSWER ME TRUTHFULLY!


slash
STOMP
A GIRL CALLED ASAHI PASSED THROUGH HERE!

I DON'T KNOW ANY YOUNG LADY BY THAT NAME, BUT...
..EVEN IF I DID, I WOULDN'T TELL A BOOR LIKE YOU!
SCARING AN INNOCENT TOT-- YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED!
GRRR
ARE YOU CHALLENGING MUSHIMA...?
WELL, YOU'RE ON!
WHAT!
THAT ELDERLY GENTLEMAN WAS YOSHO ?!

THAT'S RIGHT! IF YOU DON'T WANT TO SEE THIS BRAT TURN INTO A BRIGHT RED TOMATO, 'FESS UP!
WAH
NYAH!
DON'T WANNA!
WHAT?!
GRR
SWISH
?!
HOW'D HE DO THAT..?!

BUT, DESPITE THE PASSAGE OF SO MANY YEARS, YOSHO'S ACCLAIMED SWORDSMANSHIP HASN'T DECLINED IN THE LEAST...
HYEEEE!
SHRIEK!
SWING

B-BUT, I... I WAS A HUGE FAN OF YOSHO! HE WAS SO..
I KNOW EXACTLY HOW YOU FEEL..
GAH!
GAH
GAH!
EVEN THE CUTEST IDOL HAS TO GROW OLD SOME-TIME!
BUT, ASAHI.. AREN'T YOU ALLERGIC TO MEN?
COULDN'T TOUCH THEM AND ALL THAT!
NO, NO.. YOSHO-- HE'S SPECIAL! ♡
BESIDES, I FEEL SUCH REVERENCE FOR HIM IT MAKES ME SHIVER! I WOULD NEVER DARE TO TOUCH SUCH AN HONORABLE PERSONAGE!
YUP, IT'S A CRUSH, ALL RIGHT--
OH! OH!
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THAT HANDSOME YOSHO IS NOW.. SO, SO..
SOB SOB SOB
I THINK I'VE HEARD THAT SPEECH BEFORE--
MY EARS ARE STARTING TO HURT

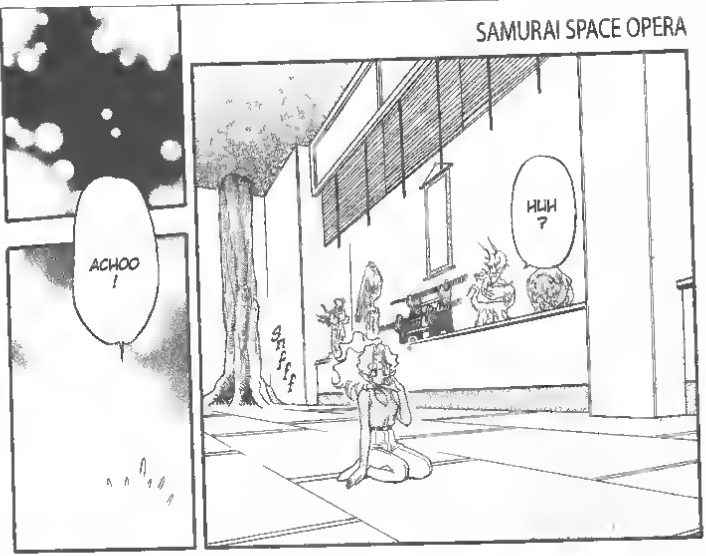
HMPH..
PLEASE FORGIVE MY ARROGANCE. YOU'RE STRONGER THAN YOU APPEAR!
I HOPE YOU'LL FIND ME MORE OF A CHALLENGE!
!?
MY COUNTER-PART HAS AN UNFORTUNATE TENDENCY TO JUDGE BY EXTERNAL APPEARANCES. I DON'T HAVE THAT WEAK-NESS..
SHEK
HE'S COMPLETELY CHANGED..
..AND FAR MORE CAPABLE!
SHAA
NOW..
..SHALL WE BEGIN?

!
CAN'T YOU WAIT TILL I PUT THE BABY DOWN?!
!!
YOU... !!!
GRR...
HMPH...
HE'S GETTING PRETTY WORKED UP...
!
ZZZAAAHHHMMM

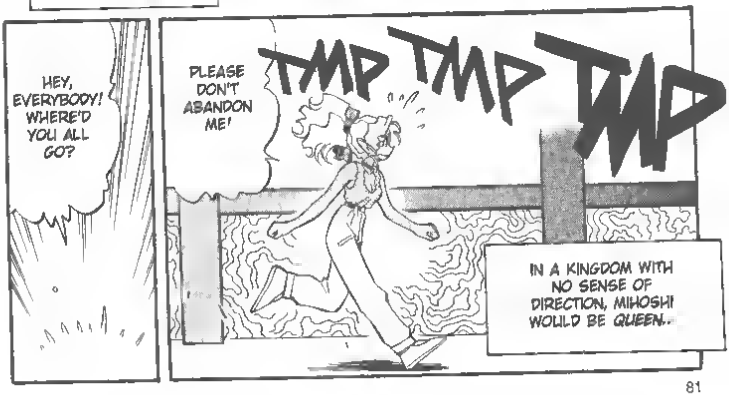
UNDER-STAND NOW?!
THIS BODY IS HOST TO TWO PERSON-ALITIES!
AND I'M NOT HOLDING BACK!
HAH!
WHAK!
SWAK
!
!

!!
KKKCH
YAH!!
FWIP!
KKCH

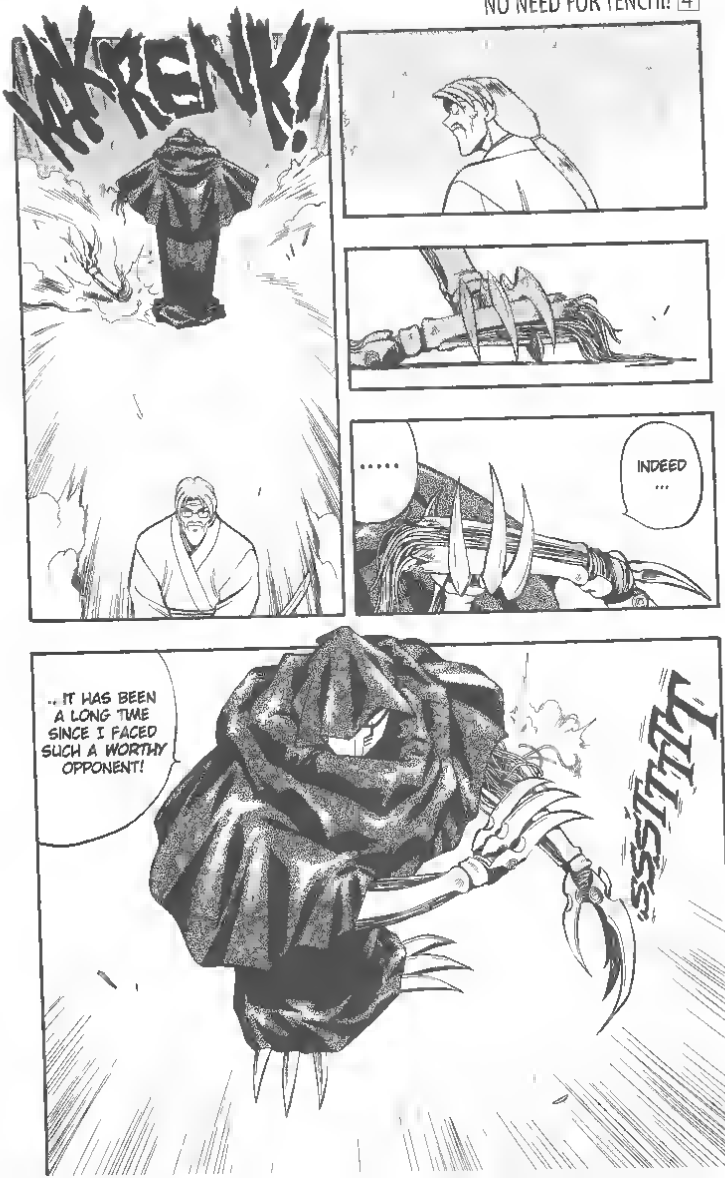
.....
BRAVO !


ACHOO !
HUH ?
SNIFF

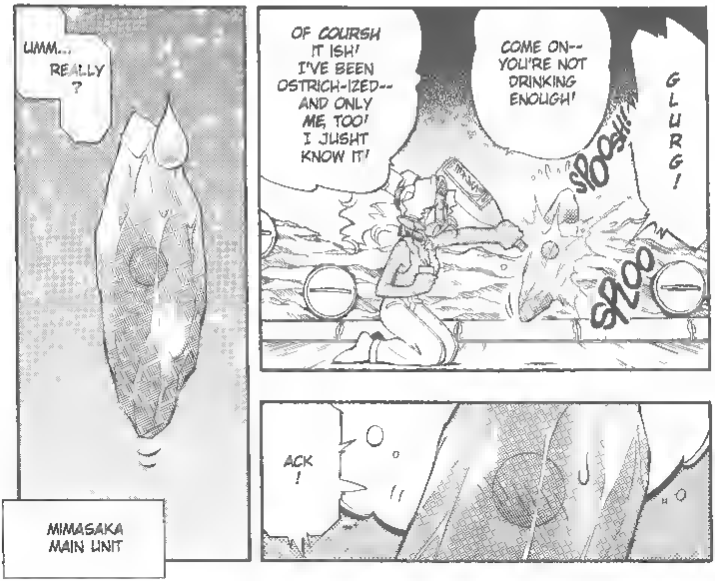
HMM ?
WHILE THE OTHERS WERE AMUSING THEMSELVES, MIHOSHI WAS NAPPING..
YAWN
YAWN
OH, WHAT A NICE SNOOZE!


HEY, EVERYBODY! WHERE'D YOU ALL GO?
PLEASE DON'T ABANDON ME!
TMP TMP TMP
IN A KINGDOM WITH NO SENSE OF DIRECTION, MIHOSHI WOULD BE QUEEN..

BONG
IF YOU WOULD BE SO KIND...
PRAY, ENLIGHTEN ME WITH THE NAME OF THIS MOST NOTE-WORTHY ADVERSARY WHO HAS DEFEATED ME.
BZZ
BONG
UHH... MASAKI!
MASAKI KATSUHITO!
MASAKI KATSUHITO... AN HONORABLE NAME.
I ONLY HOPE THAT, ONE DAY, OUR PATHS AND BLADES SHALL CROSS AGAIN...
BRRR


KKRENK!
.....
INDEED ...
.. IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I FACED SUCH A WORTHY OPPONENT!
TLLISSS

MAKAIN!!
ARE YOU PAYIN' ATTENSHUN T'ME?
DON'TCHOO THINK IT'SH ABSHOLUTELY 'ORRIBLE--
...EVERYONE JUSHT UP AN' LEF' ME HERE ALL BY MYSHELF!
HIKK!


UMM... REALLY ?
OF COURSH IT ISH! I'VE BEEN OSTRICH-IZED-- AND ONLY ME, TOO! I JUSHT KNOW IT!
COME ON-- YOU'RE NOT DRINKING ENOUGH!
GLURG!
SLOSH!!
SLOO
ACK !
MIMASAKA MAIN UNIT

AAH!
DAA!
SWOOSH
OH, TENCHI...
SKT
...IT SEEMS YOU'RE BEING PURSUED BY QUITE A TROUBLE-SOME OPPONENT!
KRRK KRRK

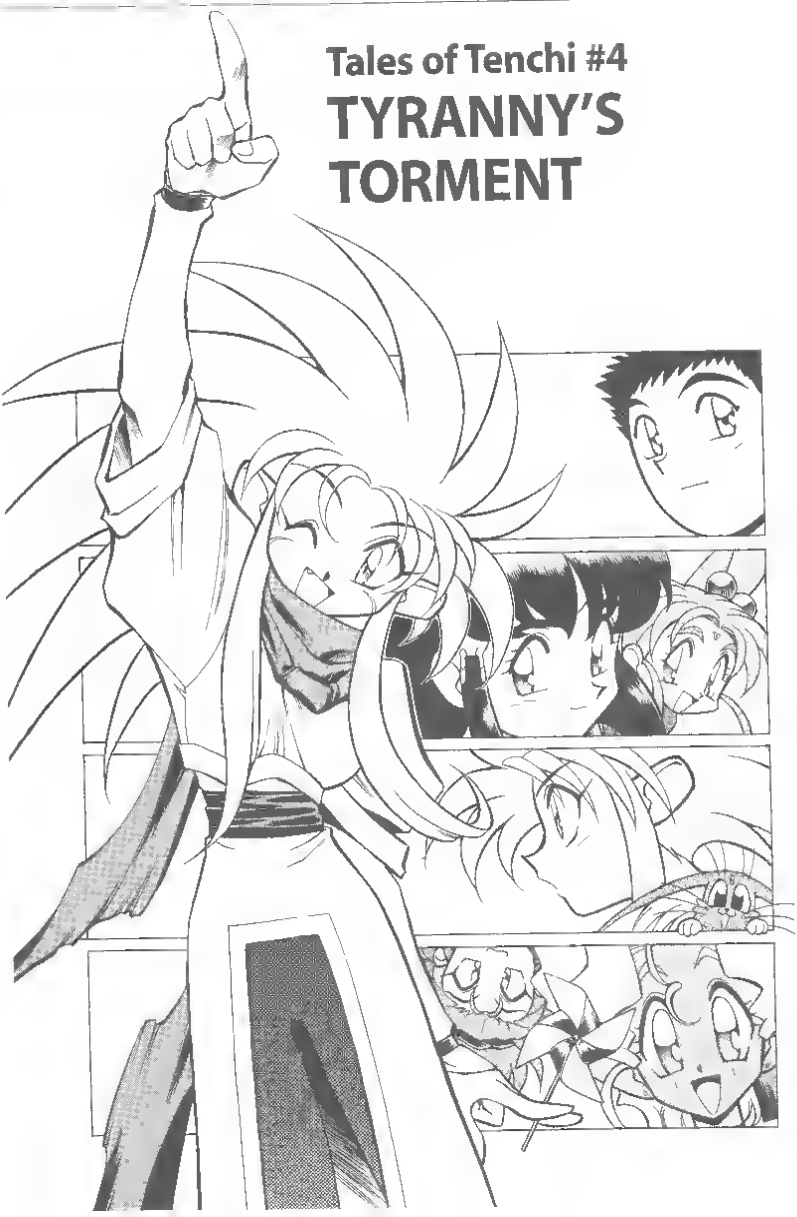
NINETY-NINE BOTTLES OF
SAKE
MIHOSH!!
OH!
WHERE Y'ALL BEEN HIDIN'?
THEIR FUTURE LOOKS VERY BLEAK INDEED...
SAK
SHIRIMO

HM, WHAT A PLEASANT BATH!
TENCHI! I AM SO SORRY..
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
I'M JUST GLAD I GOT IN THIS ISSUE AT ALL!
OH!
TENCHI! BIG "BROTHER"?!
FLIP FLAP
SHWOOM
?!
MIMASAKA!
W-WHAT'S THE MATTER?!
RUBRUBRUB
MIMASAKA! ANSWER ME!
RUB
WHAT'S WRONG, ASAHI?!
SHHA
MIMASAKA ISN'T RESPONDING!
TMP TMP TMP
WE'D BETTER GET TO THE CONTROL ROOM-- NOW!

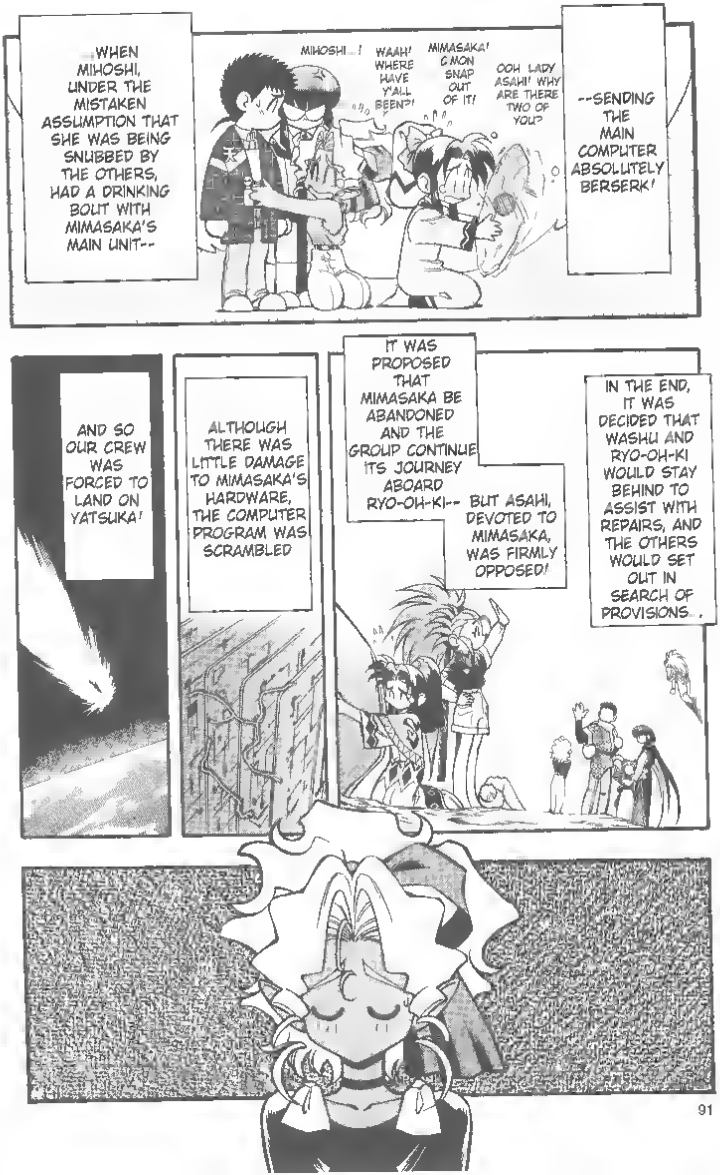
YATSUKA, A PLANET IN THE JURAI EMPIRE
LOCATED APPROXIMATELY HALFWAY BETWEEN EARTH AND RYUTEN. YATSUKA IS KNOWN FOR ITS ABUNDANCE OF MINERAL DEPOSITS.
HYOOOOOOOOOOOOOO
AND THAT IS WHERE TENCHI AND COMPANY HAVE BEEN DEPOSITED.
BOY, WHAT A VIEW! AWE-SOME
YES, INDEED.
THANKS A LOT, MIHOSHI!
TOUR GUIDE TO THE GALAXY!
OH, GEE WHIZ, RYOKO! ♡
IT WAS NOTHING!
NO, IT WAS REALLY SOME-THING...!
SOME MESS YOU'VE GOTTEN US INTO!
AIEE
FLASH BACK TO SEVERAL HOURS AGO

Tales of Tenchi #4

TYRANNY'S TORMENT



DO YOU REALIZE THE GRAVITY OF OUR SITUATION? AND THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!
DEPRES-SION
DEEP DEPRES-SION
GIVE HER A BREAK, RYOKO!
TENCHI, LOOK! ISN'T THAT A VILLAGE ?
!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
LET'S GO TAKE A LOOK!
HHOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO

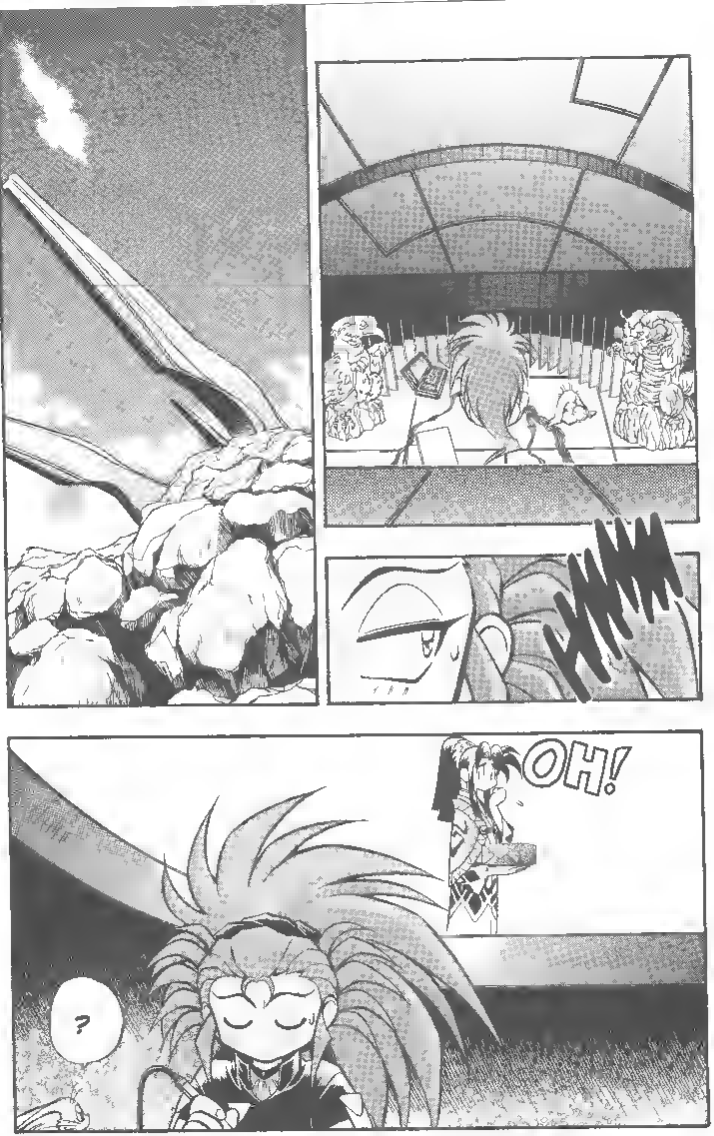

...WHEN MIHOSHI, UNDER THE MISTAKEN ASSUMPTION THAT SHE WAS BEING SNUBBED BY THE OTHERS, HAD A DRINKING BOUT WITH MIMASAKA'S MAIN UNIT--
MIHOSHI...!
WAAH! WHERE HAVE Y'ALL BEEN?!
MIMASAKA! C'MON SNAP OUT OF IT!
OOH LADY ASAHI! WHY ARE THERE TWO OF YOU?
--SENDING THE MAIN COMPUTER ABSOLUTELY BERSERK!
AND SO OUR CREW WAS FORCED TO LAND ON YATSUKA!
ALTHOUGH THERE WAS LITTLE DAMAGE TO MIMASAKA'S HARDWARE, THE COMPUTER PROGRAM WAS SCRAMBLED
IT WAS PROPOSED THAT MIMASAKA BE ABANDONED AND THE GROUP CONTINUE ITS JOURNEY ABOARD RYO-OH-KI--
BUT ASAHI, DEVOTED TO MIMASAKA, WAS FIRMLY OPPOSED!
IN THE END, IT WAS DECIDED THAT WASHU AND RYO-OH-KI WOULD STAY BEHIND TO ASSIST WITH REPAIRS, AND THE OTHERS WOULD SET OUT IN SEARCH OF PROVISIONS.

CREEEEK
HEY! THAT WAS.
...SOMEONE, WASN'T IT?
UH... I THINK SO
POP!
UMM... HELLO? EXCUSE ME...
THAT'S ODD... LEAVING THE PLACE WIDE OPEN LIKE THIS!

HYOOOOO
.....
..... SOME KIND OF GHOST TOWN?
NO THERE SEEM TO BE A FEW SIGNS OF LIFE, AYEKA
DO YOU THINK THEY'LL SHARE THEIR FOOD WITH US?
TMP TMP TMP
WHO? THERE'S NO ONE AROUND.
HUH ?

DON'T MAKE ME REPEAT MYSELF!
Y-YES, MA'AM!
YOU GIRLS-- C'MERE AND GIVE US A HAND!
BUT I DON'T KNOW NOTHIN' 'BOUT BIRTHIN' BABIES
WHAT HAVE WE GOTTEN OURSELVES INTO--!
Puff!
Huff!
OH GOODY!
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE CUTE LITTLE BABY!
SASAMI, YOU HAPPY FREAK...!
AAAA

SHUUUP
HYAA!
YEEEEK--A GHOUL!
MIHOSHI!
OH, UM--PLEASE EXCUSE US FOR INVITING OURSELVES IN
ACTUALLY, WE'RE--
BOP!
YES?
WH-WHAT DO YOU WANT?
!
FWUP!
A BABY'S 'BOUT TO BE BORN! WE HAVE TO BOIL SOME WATER--
WHAT?! THERE'S GOING TO BE A... A...
BABY


OH!
?

IT'S.. A HEALTHY BABY BOY!
SWOOP
LOOK! MY CHILD-- OUR CHILD!
WOW, CONGRATU-LATIONS!
OH, LET ME SEE, LET ME SEE!
!
WHO.. WHO ARE ALL OF YOU?

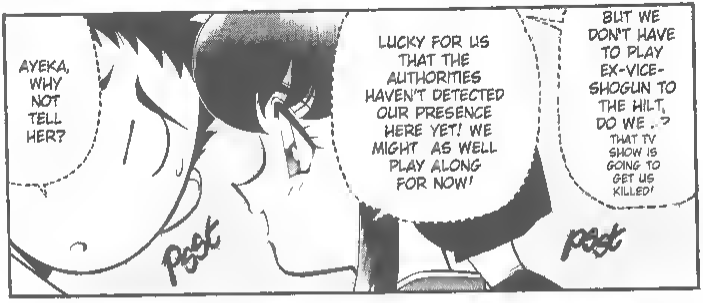
PEEK-A-BOO! ♡
ALL THE TOWNSFOLK ARE AT THE MINE---
THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T SEE ANYONE AROUND...
WE DON'T GOT MUCH TO OFFER, BUT DRINK UP, DEAR!
OH, THANK YOU!
MA, THAT WINE IS POP'S.
WHAT BETTER TIME TO CELEBRATE? THE OLD MAN WOULD FORGIVE YA
LIM. DID HE PASS AWAY?
AW, NO, HE'S NOT DEAD.
MIGHT AS WELL BE! LORD OHSA HAS DETAINED HIM FOR TREASON!

LADY ASAHI--HOVERING OVER MY SHOULDER LIKE THAT ISN'T GOING TO MAKE THE WORK GO ANY FASTER...
SKUP
HUH?
WASHU! FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, PLEASE DON'T MAR THOSE GUYS!
GEEZ! I BARELY SCRAPED IT!
WHAT ARE STATUES DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS, ANYWAY?
THEY'RE SO ADORABLE!

ARE YOU SURE, DEAR?
YOU'D REALLY GO OFF AND RESCUE THE OLD MAN?
YES! IT SEEMS FATE HAS HAD A HAND IN BRINGING US TOGETHER..
WON'T YOU LET US COME TO YOUR AID?
WELL, GEE, THAT WOULD BE NICE OF YOU, BUT
?
WAIT A SEC'..
HAVEN'T I SEEN YOU SOME-WHERES BEFORE..
OH, YEAH, SHE'S..
MRFFF !!
?
HO,HO,HO! WE'RE JUST WANDERERS PASSING THROUGH TOWN..!
NMPH
..WHO JUST LOVE TO MEDDLE!

MA, NOT IN FRONT OF STRANGERS!
HAH! TODAY, I'M GONNA HAVE MY SAY!
P-PLEASE. CALM YOUR-SELF!
THESE DAYS, THE LORD'S METHODS DON'T MAKE ANY SENSE AT ALL!
THE WORK KEEPS ON GETTIN' TOUGHER, BUT THE PAY JUST KEEPS ON GETTIN' LEANER!
GAH!!
AND THE OLD MAN...
ALL HE DID WAS MAKE A DIRECT APPEAL TO LORD OHSA!
TAKE IT EASY, MA!
HE WAS SO LOOKIN' FOWARD TO HOLDIN' HIS FIRST GRAND-CHILD...
SNIF
...THE OLD IDIOT!

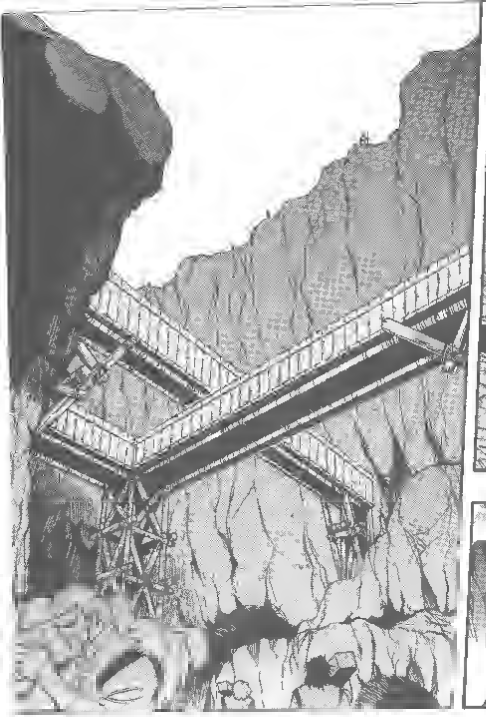
OWW! LET ME GO, DAMN IT!
WHAT HAVE WE DONE?
SAVE YOUR EXCUSES FOR HIS LORD-SHIP!
HEY NOW, DON'T TREAT'EM SO ROUGH!
!
SHWIP
COULD IT BE..!?
JWIP!
SIGH---
OH, DEAR
?
EVERYONE SEEMS CAUGHT UP IN THIS PERFORM-ANCE..
..GUESS I MIGHT AS WELL PLAY ALONG FOR NOW..
ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE! WHY DON'T WE JUST SUBMIT TO THEM FOR NOW?
TENCHI..?!

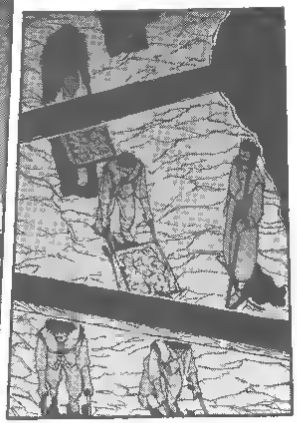

AYEKA, WHY NOT TELL HER?
LUCKY FOR US THAT THE AUTHORITIES HAVEN'T DETECTED OUR PRESENCE HERE YET! WE MIGHT AS WELL PLAY ALONG FOR NOW!
BUT WE DON'T HAVE TO PLAY EX-VICE-SHOGUN TO THE HILT, DO WE..? THAT TV SHOW IS GOING TO GET US KILLED!
post
post

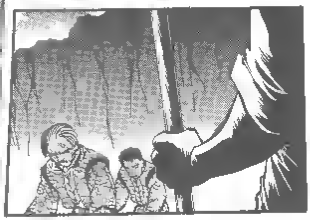
CRACK
UNGH...
GUARDS ?!
YATSUKA'S PLANETARY SHIELDS HAVE BEEN BREACHED!
TENCHI!
BY LORD OHSA'S DECREE, THE INVADERS ARE TO BE BOUND AND TAKEN TO HIM!

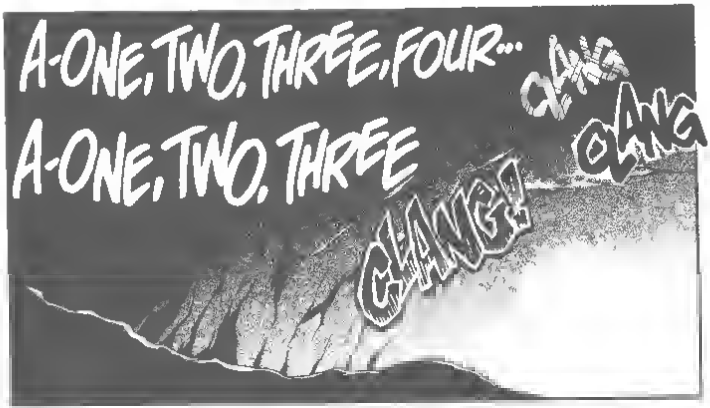
NOW TELL ME. FROM WHENCE DO YOU HAIL?
THAT SKIN COLOR... AND FACIAL STRUCTURE... YOU ARE FROM A DISTANT PLANET, ARE YOU NOT?
YATSUKA'S CHIEF LORD OHSA
HEY, MAYBE YOU COME FROM THIS PLANET, MIHOSHI!
I MEAN, LOOK AT YOUR SKIN COLOR, YOUR EARS
OH NO, NOT AT ALL--
SEE? I'M SHADED WITH 10% SCREENTONE, BUT 20% IS USED ON THESE FOLKS!
CEASE YOUR CHATTER! YOU ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE MIGHTY LORD OHSA!
HUH ?
NO MATTER, NO MATTER.
THEIR BONES WILL BE SCATTERED HERE, NO MATTER WHERE THEY'RE FROM!
SHIT

ALL RIGHT, YOU SCOFFLAWS! PICK UP THE PACE!
QUIT ORDERING US AROUND, WILL YA ? AND DON'T CALL US NAMES!
WHAT ?!
JUST GO ALONG WITH HIM, RYOKO!
SOB! I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT I, A POLICE OFFICER, AM UNDER ARREST...!
WHAT THE HELL?
INVADERS FROM OUTER SPACE? WHAT NONSENSE!
HMPH...
CRASH
INTENTIONAL OR NOT, BREACHING THE SHIELD IS A GRAVE OFFENSE!





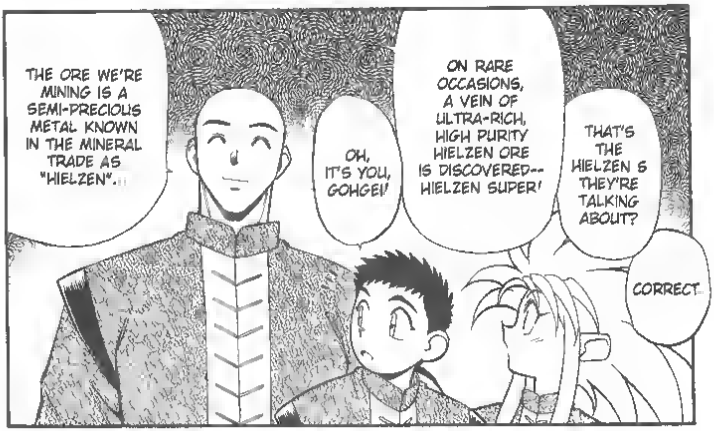


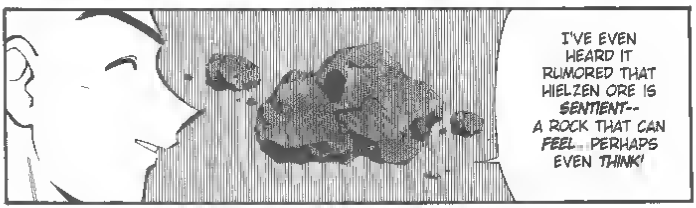

A-ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR...
A-ONE, TWO, THREE
CLANG!
CLANG
CLANG

GWOTTP
WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO TENCHI!?
BIG BROTHER TENCHI!
HEAVY PHYSICAL LABOR IS A MAN'S JOB-- YOU WOMEN WILL BE ASSIGNED APPROPRIATE TASKS...
PUT
"HEAVY PHYSICAL LABOR," YOU SAY...?
TWIK
D'YOU THINK THIS IS STRONG ENOUGH FOR THE JOB?
La LaLa La
SHE'S STEALING CENTER STAGE AGAIN!
THERE, THERE, AYEKA JUST HOLD IT IN...

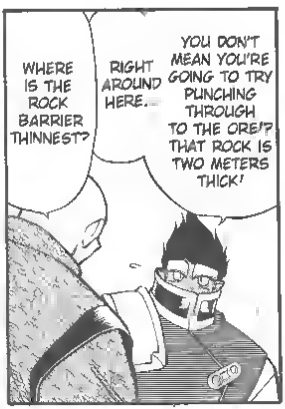
OHSA
IT SEEMS YOUR HIELZEN EXPORTS TO US ON RYUTEN HAVE BEEN IN EXCESS RECENTLY..
IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT JURAI'S BUDGET ESTIMATES AREN'T TOO LOW, YOU MAY WISH TO CAREFULLY VERIFY YOUR PRODUCTION OUTPUT....
INDEED...
INSPECTORS FROM JURAI ARE SLATED TO ARRIVE ON YOUR PLANET IN TEN DAYS— A "SURPRISE INSPECTION."
AAH! THEN I SHALL BEGIN DOCTORING OUR BOOKS IMMEDIATELY.
I MUST SAY, TATETSUKI, I AM INDEBTED, AS ALWAYS, TO YOU FOR YOUR PRICE-LESS...TIPS!
TRIFLING AS IT MAY BE, ALLOW ME TO ENTER MY GRATITUDE INTO YOUR PRIVATE ACCOUNT .
AH, YES!
YOU UNDERSTAND THE RULES OF COMMERCE VERY WELL, COMRADE... HEH,HEH,HEH!

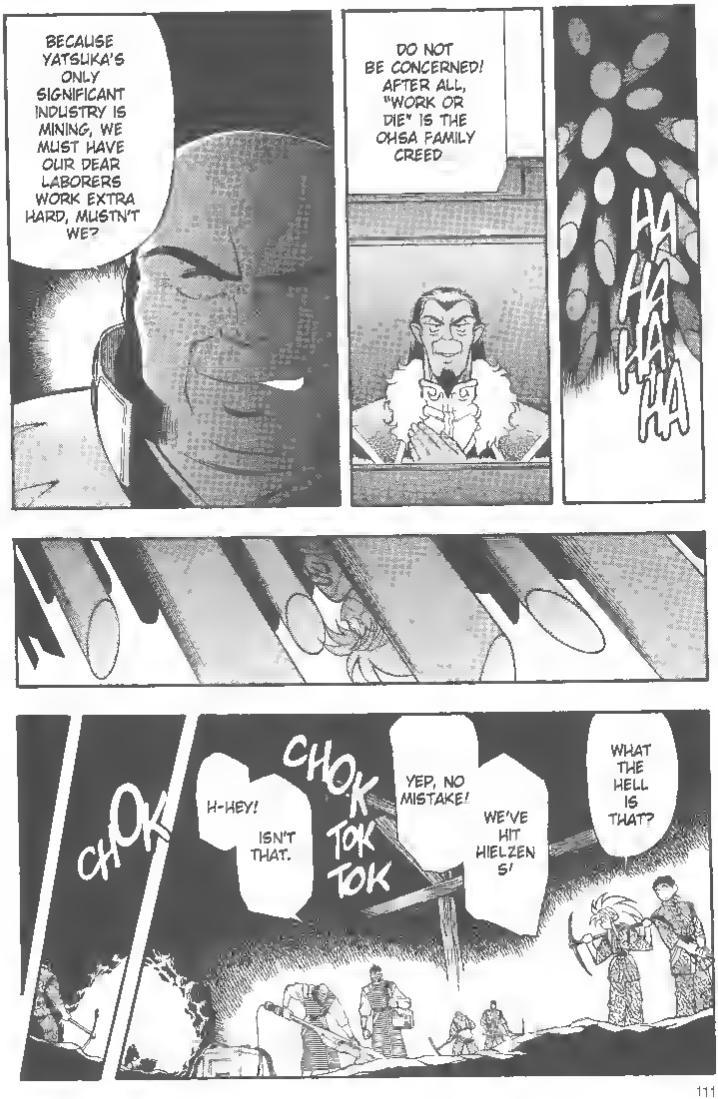
PWEEP
HEY-- YOU NEW-COMERS THERE!
LET'S TAKE THIS A LITTLE MORE SERIOUSLY!
BUT I'M JUST A LI'L OLE HELPLESS FEMALE...
MAYBE I'M THE LI'L OLE HELPLESS FEMALE ..
NO FOOD FOR YOU
YOU'D THINK WITH THEIR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY, THEY'D HAVE MORE ADVANCED DIGGING TOOLS ..
WHAT'S WITH THE PICK-AXE!?
AN EMPTY THREAT, SINCE THEY'RE PETRIFIED OF RYOKO'S SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH!
BECAUSE THEY FEAR A REVOLT, THEY DISTRIBUTE EQUIPMENT THAT CANNOT BE TURNED INTO WEAPONS.
MY! WHAT A RARE PLEASURE--
--TO MEET OFF-WORLDERS IN A PLACE LIKE THIS! HOW DO YOU DO?


THE ORE WE'RE MINING IS A SEMI-PRECIOUS METAL KNOWN IN THE MINERAL TRADE AS "HIELZEN".
OH, IT'S YOU, GOHGE!
ON RARE OCCASIONS, A VEIN OF ULTRA-RICH, HIGH PURITY HIELZEN ORE IS DISCOVERED-- HIELZEN SUPER!
THAT'S THE HIELZEN S THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT?
CORRECT.


I'VE EVEN HEARD IT RUMORED THAT HIELZEN ORE IS *SENTIENT*-- A ROCK THAT CAN *FEEL*... PERHAPS EVEN *THINK*!

HMMM...THIS GOHGE! SAID HE WAS A MONK-IN-TRAINING...SO WHAT'S HE DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
HOW DOES IT LOOK?
DAMN! THIS ROCK'S GOING TO BE TROUBLE-SOME!
WE COULD GO AT IT FOR THREE DAYS STRAIGHT AND STILL NOT REACH THAT VEIN!


WHERE IS THE ROCK BARRIER THINNEST?
RIGHT AROUND HERE...
YOU DON'T MEAN YOU'RE GOING TO TRY PUNCHING THROUGH TO THE ORE!? THAT ROCK IS TWO METERS THICK!


BECAUSE YATSUKA'S ONLY SIGNIFICANT INDUSTRY IS MINING, WE MUST HAVE OUR DEAR LABORERS WORK EXTRA HARD, MUSTN'T WE?
DO NOT BE CONCERNED! AFTER ALL, "WORK OR DIE" IS THE OHSA FAMILY CREED
HA HA HA HA
CHOK
H-HEY! ISN'T THAT.
CHOK TOK TOK
YEP, NO MISTAKE! WE'VE HIT HIELZEN S!
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?

BWRWRWB
HMPH...
H-HEY, DON'T TELL ME...
DID HE DO IT? HAS THE ROCK BEEN SPLIT?
W-WELL...
heh! heh!
IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE, AFTER ALL...!
THROB! THROB!
SMART! SMART!
...AND IT HURTS-- A LOT!
WH-WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
THAT MONK! HE HAS A COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR STORYLINE AND PLOT FLOW!

WE'LL NEVER KNOW UNTIL WE TRY.
HA! BE MY GUEST.
HEY, TENCHI?
HMM ?
THAT MONK-- MAYBE HE REALLY CAN SPLIT THE ROCK, HUH?
N-NO WAY!
HAAA SAAA
NGH!
AAAAH!
YAH!!
SLAM
!!

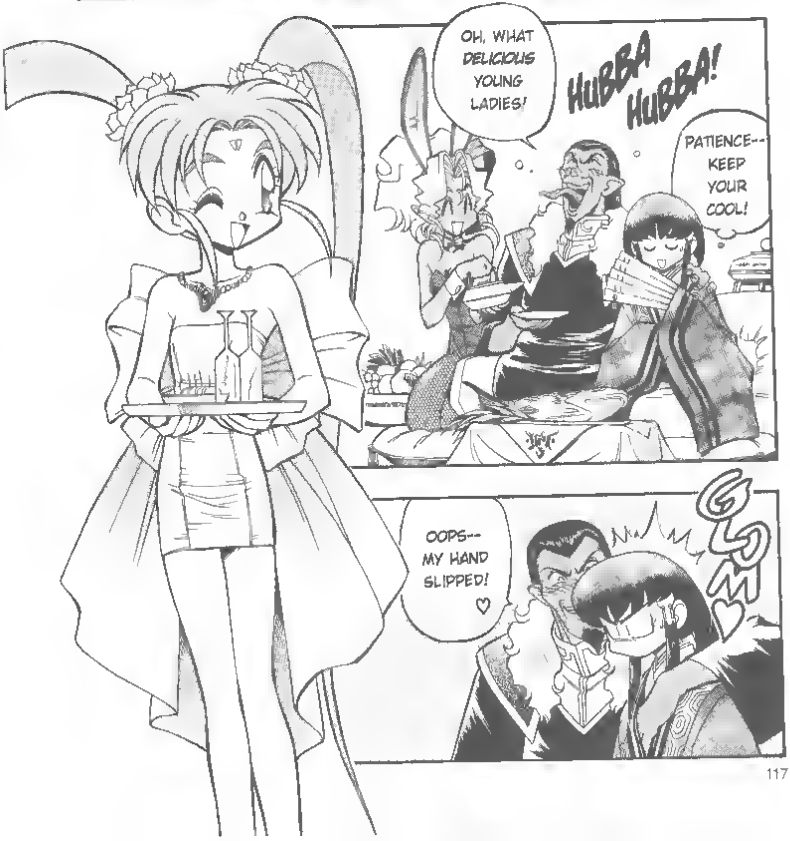
HA
HA
HA
HA
NOW THEN..
LET THE FUN BEGIN!
KLAP!
KLAP!
YES, SIR! FUN!
Whee!
Whee!
Yee-hah

Tales of Tenchi #5

TRUE HEARTS

SLWAOK
GET YOUR PAWS OFFA ME!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
OH, NO! BIG SISTER!

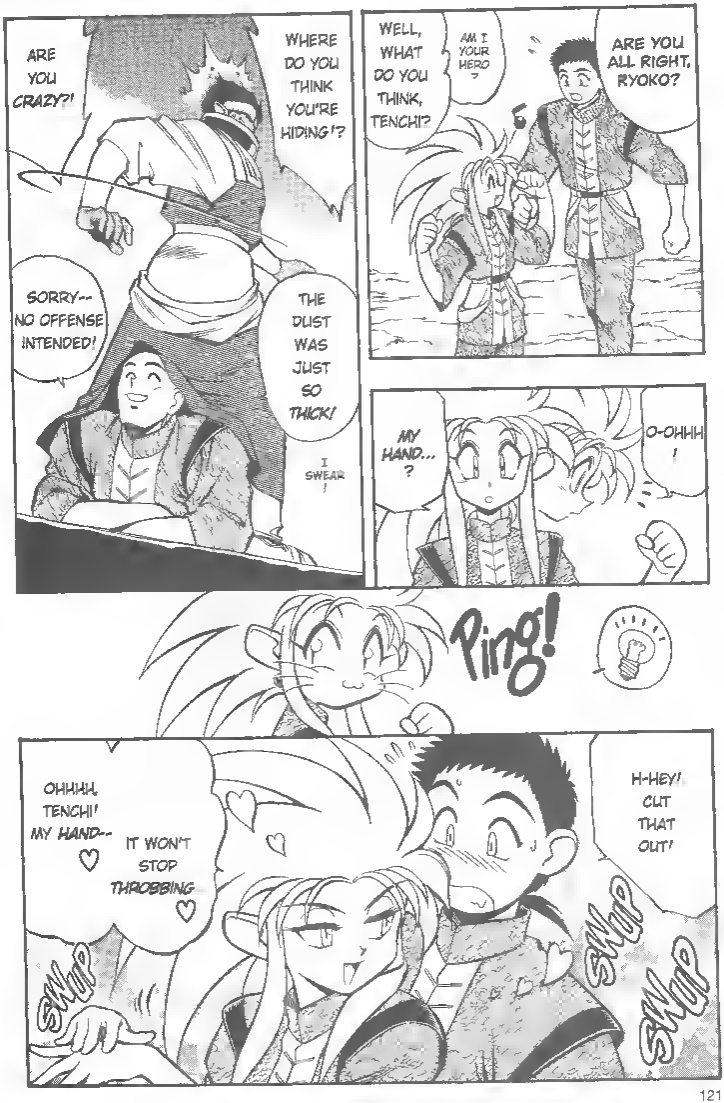
HERE WE GO...
ANOTHER ONE OF OHSA'S PRIVATE PARTIES. SIGH.
YEAH...
...MORE PRETTY GIRLS TO TURN HIS HEAD...
AND WE BOTH KNOW WHERE THAT LEADS, DON'T WE?


OH, WHAT DELICIOUS YOUNG LADIES!
HUBBA HUBBA!
PATIENCE--- KEEP YOUR COOL!
OOPS--- MY HAND SLIPPED! ♡
GLOMP

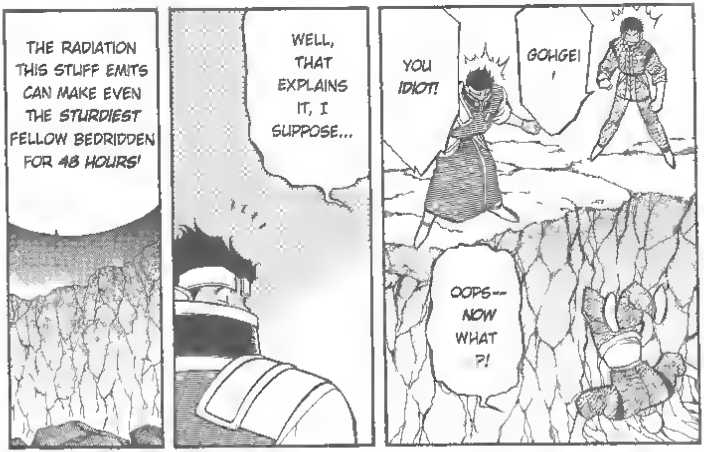
CLAMSH
WHOA!
VROOM
MY, WHAT SPLENDID TALENTS! ♡
KLAP
KLAP
KLAP

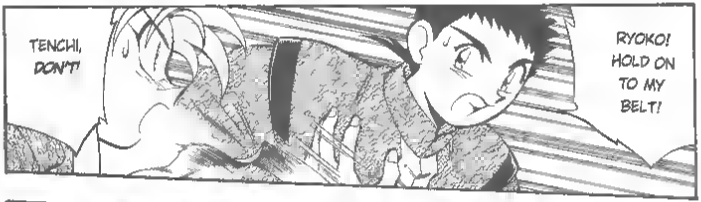
HOW DARE YOU RAISE A HAND AGAINST LORD OHSA!
PREPARE TO BE PUNISHED FOR YOUR IMPUDENCE!
OH, I'D JUST LOVE TO SEE YOU TRY!
WHAT?!
COME, COME...
PLIP! PLIP!
THAT'S ENOUGH, YOU TWO!
?!
B-BUT SHE..! AND YOU..!
HEH HEH HEH HEH
LEAVE HER TO ME!
I LIKE YOUR SPIRIT, LITTLE LADY...
PERHAPS I HAD BETTER TRY YOU OUT MYSELF! HEH...
OOOH
?
LORD OHSA, Y-YOU DON'T MEAN ...!
NOT TH-THAT AGAIN ...?!

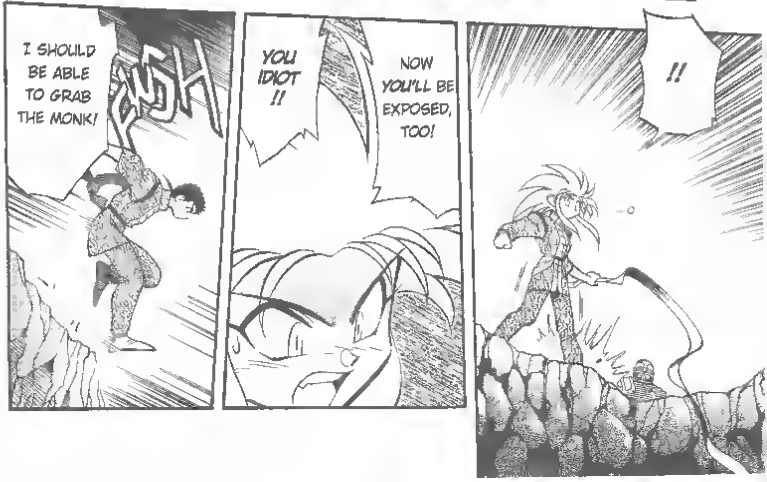
HMMM... THE MAIDEN'S FEIGNED INJURY ATTACK!
I MUST SAY, IT REALLY HITS A MAN WHERE IT COUNTS!
...!
KEEP YOUR THOUGHTS TO YOURSELF!
WELL DID SHE GET IT?
WH-WHAT POWER!
LOOK AT THAT!
!!
TH-THAT MONK!
HE DODGED MY PUNCH—!?
YOU WERE JUST PRE-TEND-ING TO BE HURT?
I WAS REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT YOU. .!
AWWW
SHUCKS!
STAND BACK!
SHE UNCOVERED THE VEIN OF HIELZEN SUPER-- AND WE CAN'T GO NEAR IT FOR A FULL DAY AFTER IT COMES IN CONTACT WITH THE ATMOSPHERE!
HUH? WHY NOT?


ARE YOU CRAZY?!
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE HIDING!?
SORRY-- NO OFFENSE INTENDED!
THE DUST WAS JUST SO THICK!
I SWEAR!
WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK, TENCHI?
AM I YOUR HERO?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, RYOKO?
MY HAND...?
O-OHHH!
Ping!
OHHHH, TENCHI! MY HAND-- ♡
IT WON'T STOP THROBBING ♡
H-HEY! CUT THAT OUT!
SWAP
SWAP
SWAP

HOW'S THE OLD MAN DOING? QUIETED DOWN YET?
YES SIR-- HE'S BEHAVING HIMSELF
!!


THE RADIATION THIS STUFF EMITS CAN MAKE EVEN THE STURDIEST FELLOW BEDRIDDEN FOR 48 HOURS!
WELL, THAT EXPLAINS IT, I SUPPOSE...
YOU IDIOT!
GOHGE!
OOPS-- NOW WHAT ?!

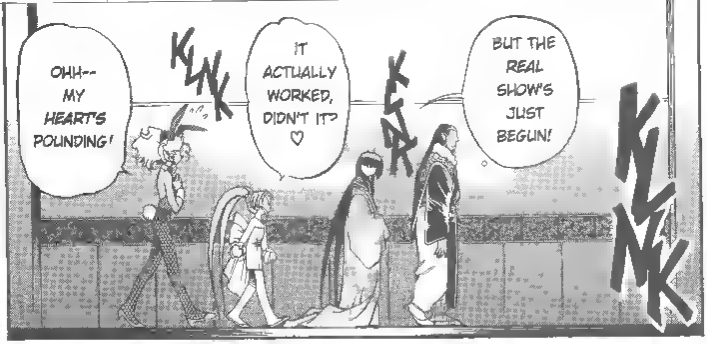

TENCHI, DON'T!
RYOKO! HOLD ON TO MY BELT!


I SHOULD BE ABLE TO GRAB THE MONK!
ZUSH
YOU IDIOT !!
NOW YOU'LL BE EXPOSED, TOO!
!!

IT'S ONLY MAKE-BELIEVE!
OHH, UNCLE! WHAT A PITIFUL, PATHETIC SIGHT YOU ARE!
NOW, UNCLE-- DRINK THIS, PLEASE
IT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL MUCH BETTER...
HMPH!
AND I'M NOT YOUR "UNCLE"!
DRINK IT! NOW!
Y-YES, LADY MISTRESS!
GLUG! GLUG!
HIC!
!
LORD OHSA, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
THE INNER SANC-TUARY, IT SEEMS...
BUT WITH THESE GIRLS?!
I THOUGHT ALL SAVE LORD OHSA WERE FORBIDDEN ENTRY...
WOOOo
IT'SH ALLL RIIIGHT...

-oooohh-
AH!
AY!
ah!
AY!
ah!
FWOK!
AROOOOO!
GLAD I BROUGHT MY EAR-PLUGS...
WELL, IT'S STARTED
AAH--OHH--NNNNGH!
AND THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
AYEKA'S REALLY GETTING INTO IT!
MY, MY, MY--
Y-YOU'RE SO LOVELY, LADY MISTRESS--!!
JUST SO THERE'S NO MISUNDER-STANDING LATER--
--THIS IS JUST AN ACT! AN A-C-T! GOT IT?
S-SURE AYEKA!

TARO!!
.....
UNNGH!
W-WHERE AM I...?
GOOD MORNING, SIR IDIOT ♡
NYAH! NYAH!
GUARDS!
BWAM
!?
BWAM
WHERE ARE MY GUARDS?!
BWAM
LORD OHSA, WHAT IS IT?!
WE'RE GOING TO THE MINE!
MAKE IT SNAPPY!


OHH-- MY HEART'S POUNDING!
KLNK
IT ACTUALLY WORKED, DIDN'T IT? ♡
KLAK
BUT THE REAL SHOW'S JUST BEGUN!
KLNK

HELLOOO, AYEKA! CAN YOU HEAR ME?

THAT POTION YOU BROUGHT WORKED PERFECTLY! WHAT AN INSPIRATION, MINAGI!
OH NO- IT WAS ALL WASHU'S IDEA!
?

WELL, LET'S SEE HOW LORD OHSA ENJOYS THE SECOND ACT.
ARE WE ALL SET?

AYE AYE, AYEKA!
BUT OF COURSE!

GOOD TIMING WITH THE OFF-THE-CUFF EXPOSITION, WASHU--
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE BEEN SPYING ON ME ALL THIS TIME!
I'M WORKING ON MY END OF THINGS! BUT THIS IS A COMPLEX SITUATION!
I JUST CHECKED IN BECAUSE I RECEIVED A TELEPATHIC BURST FROM SOMEONE WHO FEARED FOR LORD TENCHI'S SAFETY!
TSUNAMI
YOU'RE SO SOFT-HEARTED, RYOKO!
REALLY! ♡
WHA--!?
GWAAAH!
FWAPPA WAPPA
AAAGH! YOU PEEPING TOM!
MY, MY! NEVER A DULL MOMENT WITH HER AROUND, EH?
YOU... YOU NOTICED?
WASHU, WHAT'S GOING ON--?!
WHAT ARE YOU HOLDING BEHIND YOU--?!
ER, UH NOTHING REALLY!

GRRRR
WHA--!?
THE RADIATION --IT'S VANISHED!
S-SAY, KID..
DID YOU JUST DO THAT?
.....
HEY!
I CAN MOVE!
FWUP! FWUP!
FWUP! FWUP!

TENCHI, YOU AREN'T HURT OR ANYTHING?
Y-YEAH, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
...WE SHOULD BE FRENCH FRIES!

THE HIELZEN 5 DETECTED LORD TENCHI'S AURA AND ACCELERATED THE STABILIZATION PROCESS!
!
WASHU, IS THAT YOU!?
YES! I'M USING RYO-OH-KI TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION!
ALTHOUGH LORD TENCHI ISN'T AWARE OF IT...
...HIS PLACE IN THE JURAI BLOODLINE ENABLES HIM TO PULL OFF SOME NICE STUNTS!

IF YOU DON'T KNOW, THEN YOU'LL SERVE AS HOSTAGES UNTIL THEY SHOW UP!
YOU'LL BE THE FIRE THAT SMOKES THEM OUT OF THEIR HIDEY-HOLES!
THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY..
!
THESE FOLK-- COULD THEY BE ..?!
THANKS FOR SAVING ME THE EFFORT OF SEARCHING FOR YOU...
..MY LITTLE VIXEN! HEH!
OHSA, WE KNOW ALL ABOUT YOUR SADISTIC EXPLOITATION OF THE POPULACE!
WHA --?
NON-SENSE!
THE EVIDENCE, THE RECORDS-- IT'S ALL BEEN STORED ON THIS DATA DISC!

ARE THOSE OFF-WORLDERS HERE?!
!
OH! LORD OHSA!
SHAA!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU PLOTTING?!
IN LIGHT OF YOUR FRIENDS' RECENT BEHAVIOR, PERHAPS SOME PUNISHMENT IS IN ORDER!
!
WHERE ARE THOSE GIRLS, HMMM?!
WHERE DID YOU HIDE THEM?
UH... BUT...
...IT'S NOT LIKE THEY TOLD US, EITHER...

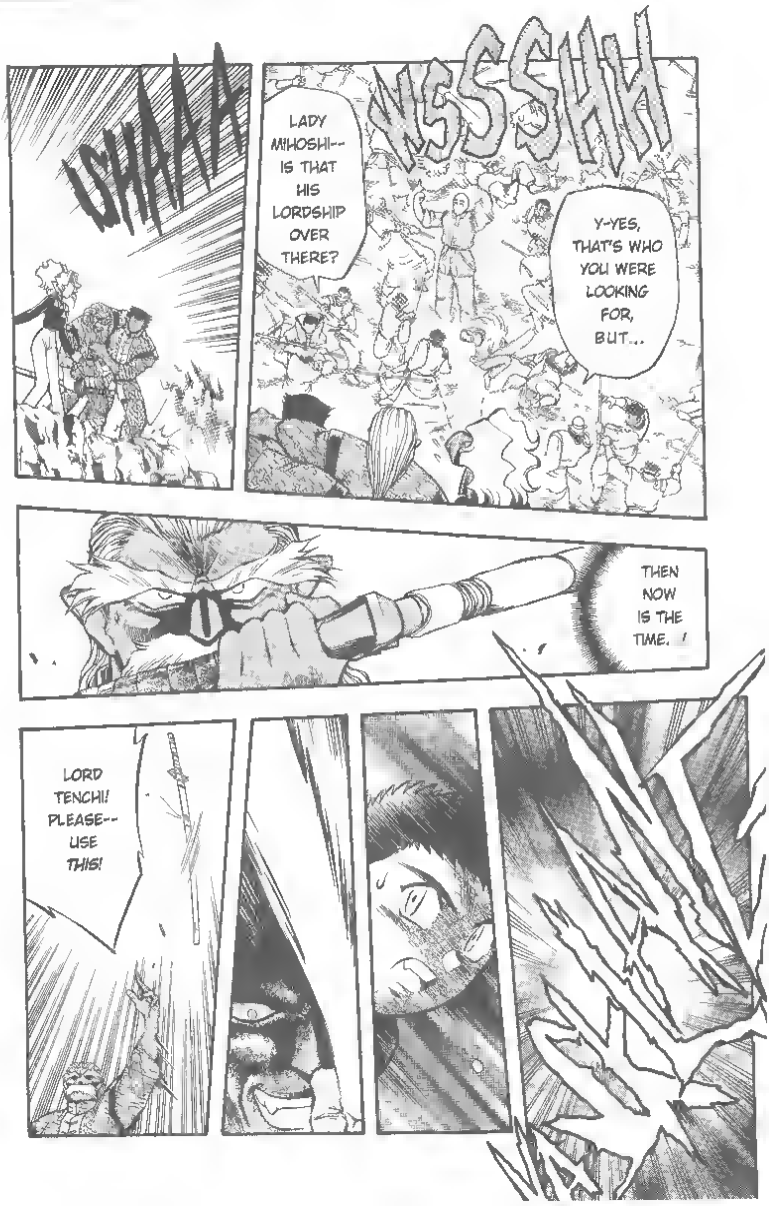
NON-VIOLENT RESISTANCE
WE ARE ALL BROTHERS ♡
SKASH
ARGH!
!

AYEKA, YOU MEAN...?
YES, TENCHI--WE'RE ABOUT TO REACH THE GRAND FINALE!
WOW! LOOKS LIKE I'M WITH THE FORCES OF GOOD!
PLEASED TO MEETCHA!!
YEAH! YEAH!
NO MATTER!
KILL THEM--KILL THEM ALL!
WHOOSH
FOOL.. SO IT HAS COME TO THIS!
I'VE NO CHOICE.
YOUR EX-VICE-SHOGUN COMMANDS YOU--TAKE THEM DOWN!
OOOOH, AYEKA! WHY THE HELL ARE YOU THE ONE TO GIVE ORDERS!
PLEASE EVERY-ONE! DO NOT EMBRACE VIOLENCE!!
I KNEW THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN!

SHHA
BLOOD
SKSH
KRSH
YOU!! HA HA HA HA!
AIEEEE!
YAAAH!
MY FIGHTING STAFF WAS TEMPERED WITH HIELZEN S!
DO YOU LIKE IT?!
NOW STOP DODGING AND DIE!
B-BUT --
WOK TOK
RWK

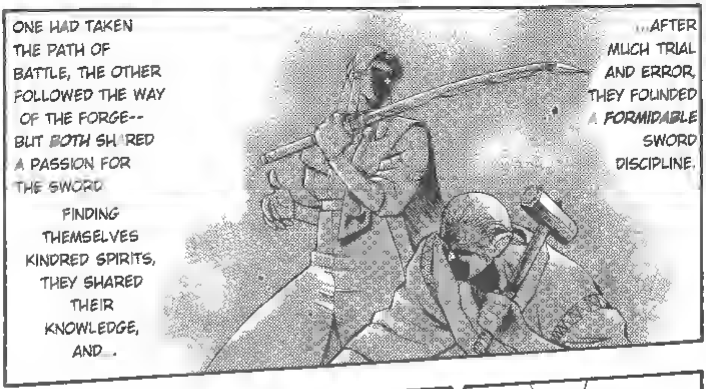
B-BIG SIS! TH-THAT'S ...!
MINAGI !!!

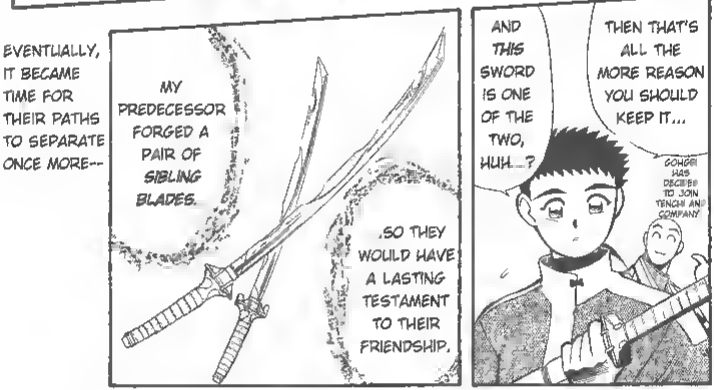
!
TENCHI!
SNAKT
N-NO ...!
THIS STAFF WAS FORGED IN THE FIRES OF HIELZEN S...
...HOW CAN IT BREAK?!


SHAAA
LADY MIHOSHI-- IS THAT HIS LORDSHIP OVER THERE?
YSSSHH
Y-YES, THAT'S WHO YOU WERE LOOKING FOR, BUT...
THEN NOW IS THE TIME.
LORD TENCHI! PLEASE-- USE THIS!

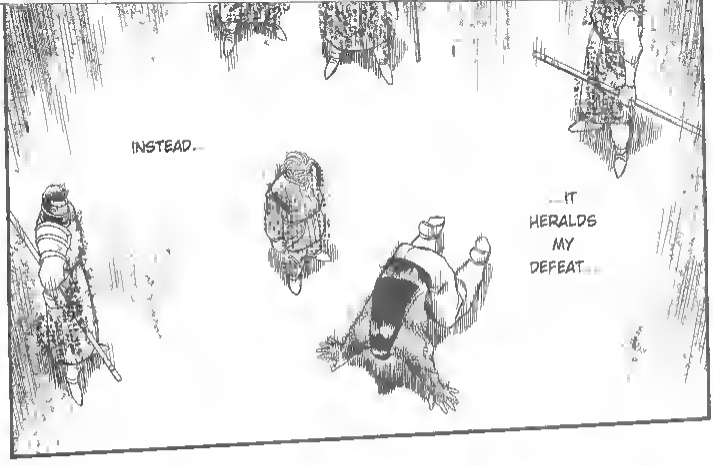
THIS YOUNG MAN IS NONE OTHER THAN HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, LORD PRINCE TENCHI OF THE JURAI ROYAL FAMILY!
HA, HA.
AND I AM THE FIRST PRINCESS, AYEKA OF JURAI!
HOW COME SHE GETS ALL THE GOOD LINES?!
WHA-?
YOU..?!
THE JURAI ROYAL FAMILY?!
H-HMPH! IT-- IT'S A BLUFF!
YEAH! THEY'VE GOT NO PROOF!
AH, BUT THERE IS PROOF...
...ISN'T THERE, OHSA?
"THAT WHICH IS CRAFTED FROM THIS ORE SHALL REFLECT JURAI'S POWER AND SHINE CRIMSON..."
I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST AN OLD WIVES' TALE, A BLACKSMITH'S LEGEND--BUT I WAS WRONG.

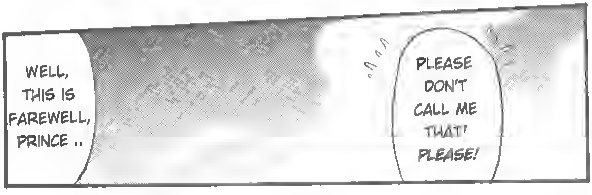
THAT'S ENOUGH, OHSA.
YOU! HOW DID--
SEE FOR YOURSELF! THE GLOWING SWORD THAT YOUTH IS HOLDING?
THAT IS THE TRUE LIGHT OF HIELZEN SUPER!
!!
TH-THEN THAT BOY...?
BUT HE CAN'T BE..
THE END HAS COME!
EVERY-ONE, QUIET DOWN!
WHO DO YOU THINK WE ARE!
YEAH! WHO DO YOU THINK THEY ARE? ♡

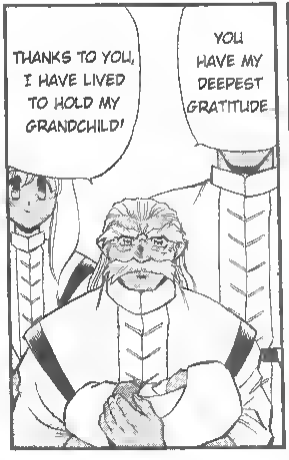

ONE HAD TAKEN THE PATH OF BATTLE, THE OTHER FOLLOWED THE WAY OF THE FORGE--
BUT BOTH SHARED A PASSION FOR THE SWORD.
FINDING THEMSELVES KINDRED SPIRITS, THEY SHARED THEIR KNOWLEDGE, AND...
...AFTER MUCH TRIAL AND ERROR, THEY FOUNDED A FORMIDABLE SWORD DISCIPLINE.


EVENTUALLY, IT BECAME TIME FOR THEIR PATHS TO SEPARATE ONCE MORE--
MY PREDECESSOR FORGED A PAIR OF SIBLING BLADES.
...SO THEY WOULD HAVE A LASTING TESTAMENT TO THEIR FRIENDSHIP.
AND THIS SWORD IS ONE OF THE TWO, HUH...?
THEN THAT'S ALL THE MORE REASON YOU SHOULD KEEP IT...
GOHDA HAS DECIDED TO JOIN TENCHI AND COMPANY.

NO. I THINK HE'D WANT YOU TO HAVE IT.
HE ALWAYS SAID, "ONLY A SWORD WIELDED IS TRULY A SWORD." IT'S MORE THAN A RELIC-- I THINK THIS SWORD HAS A DESTINY...


INSTEAD...
...IT HERALDS MY DEFEAT...

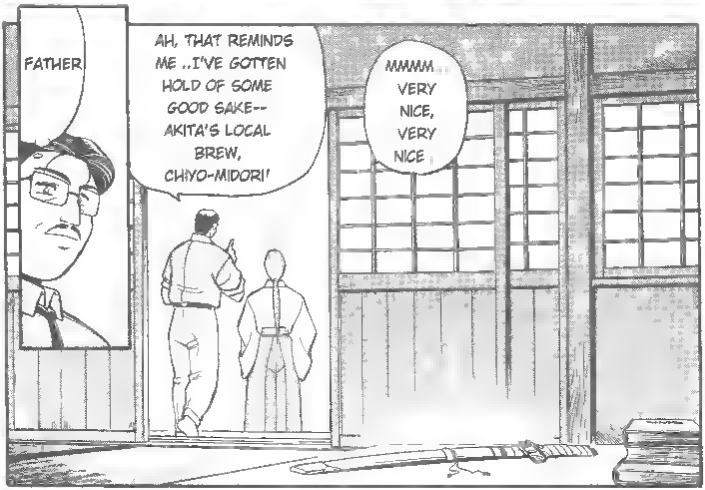

WELL, THIS IS FAREWELL, PRINCE ..
PLEASE DON'T CALL ME THAT! PLEASE!

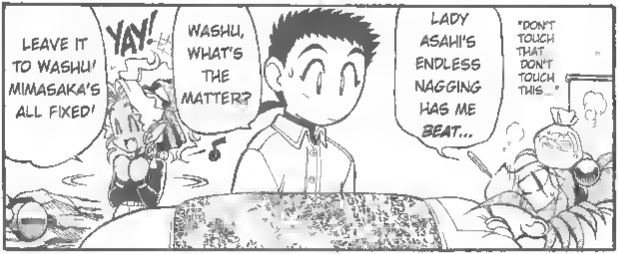

THANKS TO YOU, I HAVE LIVED TO HOLD MY GRANDCHILD!
YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE

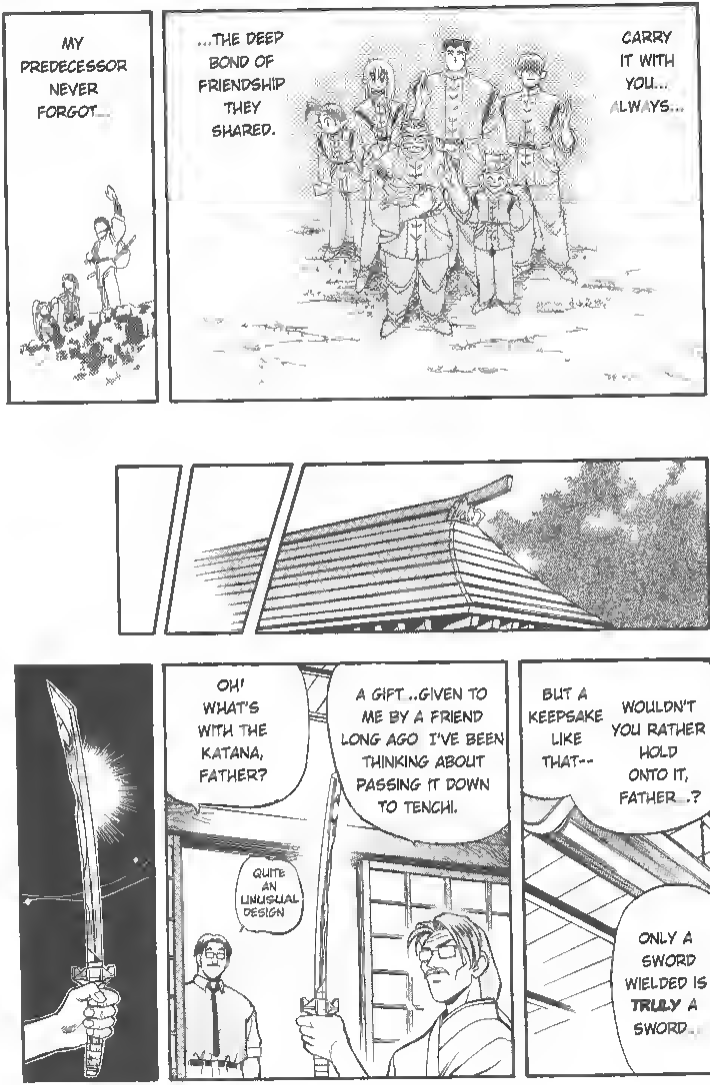
GLAD TO BE OF HELP! BUT, ARE YOU SURE IT'S ALL RIGHT? TO KEEP THIS SWORD, I MEAN

MANY YEARS AGO, A SWORDSMAN FROM ANOTHER WORLD MET MY PREDECESSOR, A RENOWNED SWORDSMITH.

IN MY HEART, I HONOR MY FRIEND... THAT IS ENOUGH.
SNKT.


FATHER.
AH, THAT REMINDS ME ..I'VE GOTTEN HOLD OF SOME GOOD SAKE-- AKITA'S LOCAL BREW, CHIYO-MIDORI!
MMMM... VERY NICE, VERY NICE.


LEAVE IT TO WASHU! MIMASAKA'S ALL FIXED!
YAY!
WASHU, WHAT'S THE MATTER?
LADY ASAHI'S ENDLESS NAGGING HAS ME BEAT...
"DON'T TOUCH THAT DON'T TOUCH THIS..."


MY PREDECESSOR NEVER FORGOT...
...THE DEEP BOND OF FRIENDSHIP THEY SHARED.
CARRY IT WITH YOU... ALWAYS...
OH! WHAT'S WITH THE KATANA, FATHER?
A GIFT..GIVEN TO ME BY A FRIEND LONG AGO I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT PASSING IT DOWN TO TENCHI.
QUITE AN UNUSUAL DESIGN
BUT A KEEPSAKE LIKE THAT--
WOULDN'T YOU RATHER HOLD ONTO IT, FATHER...?
ONLY A SWORD WIELDED IS TRULY A SWORD...

WHOOOOOOOOOM!
WHAT'S WRONG, LADY ASAHI? YOU SEEM AWFULLY MOODY TODAY!
N-NO-THING REALLY ....
N-NO-THING'S WRONG AT ALL.
PING!
AHA! I KNOW WHAT'S UP! ♡
TOK THWOK
TOK THWOK
TOK THWOK
TOK THWOK

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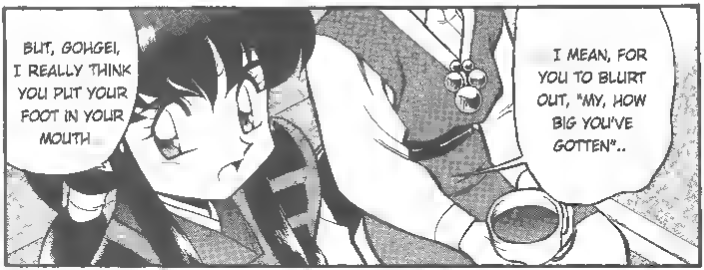
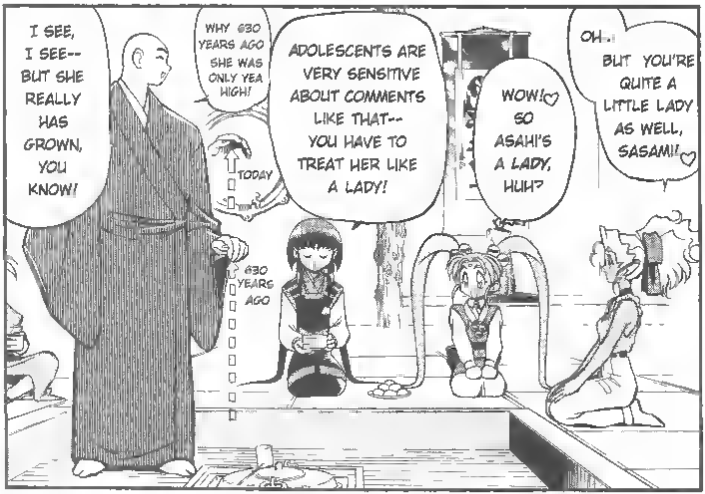
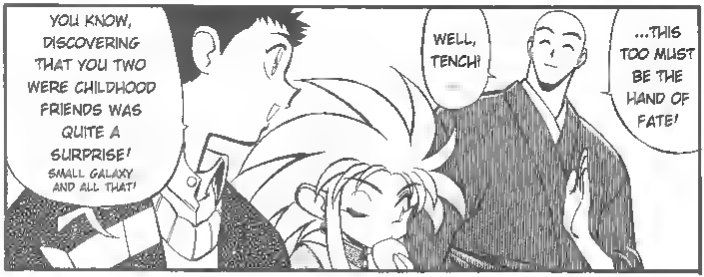
TRANSFORMATIONS

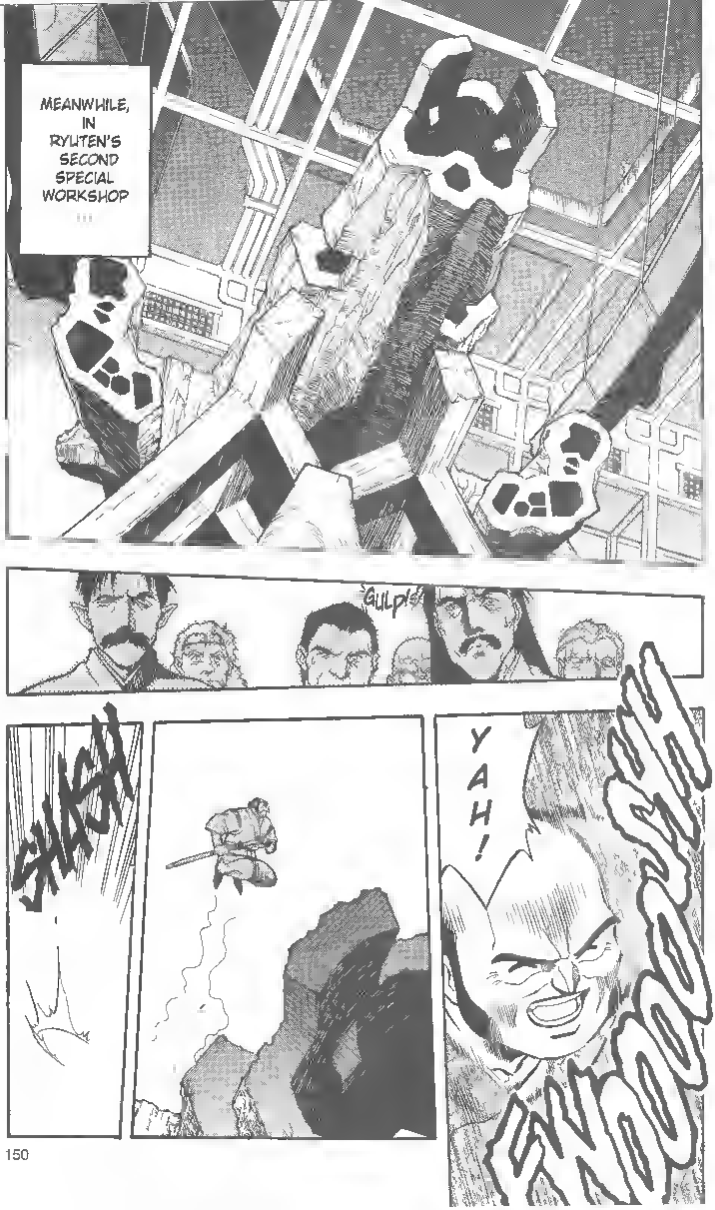
SATISFIED YET?
GIVE BACK THAT EMBARRASSING TAPE!
TSK! TSK! THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING!
HEH! HEH! HEH!
SEE THE TENCHI OAV VOL. 12/13 FOR DETAILS!


BUT, GOHGEI, I REALLY THINK YOU PUT YOUR FOOT IN YOUR MOUTH...
I MEAN, FOR YOU TO BLURT OUT, "MY, HOW BIG YOU'VE GOTTEN"..


I SEE, I SEE-- BUT SHE REALLY HAS GROWN, YOU KNOW!
WHY 630 YEARS AGO SHE WAS ONLY YEA HIGH!
TODAY
630 YEARS AGO
ADOLESCENTS ARE VERY SENSITIVE ABOUT COMMENTS LIKE THAT-- YOU HAVE TO TREAT HER LIKE A LADY!
WOW! SO ASAHI'S A LADY, HUH?
OH... BUT YOU'RE QUITE A LITTLE LADY AS WELL, SASAMI!


YOU KNOW, DISCOVERING THAT YOU TWO WERE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS WAS QUITE A SURPRISE! SMALL GALAXY AND ALL THAT!
WELL, TENCHI
...THIS TOO MUST BE THE HAND OF FATE!

IT'S LORD GOHGE!, ISN'T IT?! TEE HEE! ♡
GAKRAK
EEEE!!
H-H-HOW DID YOU KNOW ...!?
OH MY! SEEMS I HIT THE BULLS-EYE!
IT'S SO OBVIOUS! WEREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE CARVING A DRAGON?
YEEK!
WHEN DID I..?
THERE, THERE, LADY ASAHI..
Pat Pat
HAS NO ONE EVER TOLD YOU..
"IF YOU TALK ABOUT YOUR TROUBLES, THEY FEEL HALF AS HEAVY.. "?
MIMA-SAKA.
THANKS ♡

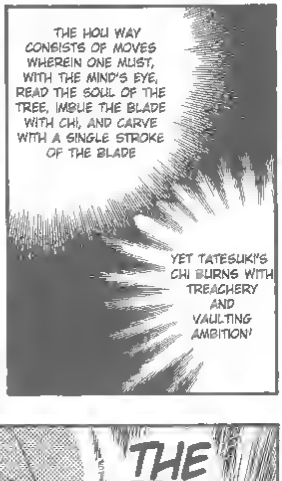

MEANWHILE, IN RYUTEN'S SECOND SPECIAL WORKSHOP
...
GULP!
SHAGH
YAH!
SHOOOT

MY FATHER AND LORD TAKEBE WERE FRIENDS, SO I USED TO LOOK AFTER HER ONCE IN A WHILE, BUT
HMMM... WHAT A COINCIDENCE!
. EVEN A MONK COULD NOT FORESEE THAT LORD TAKEBE WOULD BE ABDUCTED!
BY THE WAY, HOW DID YOU END UP FORCED INTO HARD LABOR IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
THE LAST 600 YEARS OR SO I WAS TOURING ON THE MILKY WAY GALAXY 88 HOLY SITES PILGRIMAGE, BUT I RAN OUT OF MONEY I COLLAPSED ON YATSUKA--EITHER FROM HUNGER OR FATIGUE OR BOTH-- AND GOT HIRED AT A MINE MAN, THE FOOD THERE WAS QUITE A TREAT ESPECIALLY THE MUD CATFISH WRAPPED IN DRIED BEAN CURD--
YEAH, YEAH!
I'M SORRY I ASKED!
SKREEK
SKREK
!!
VVVV

WHAT CERTAINTY OF LINE AND FORM! THE HOU SCHOOL TEACHES THEIR SCULPTORS TO PLACE THEIR CHI INTO THEIR BLADE WHEN CARVING!
BLATHER!
IN A FEW HOURS, A HOU MASTER CAN COMPLETE A PIECE OF WORK THAT WOULD TAKE ANOTHER SKILLED EXPERT* MORE THAN TWO DAYS!
YES, YES! NOT EVEN A HUM FROM THE SCAFFOLD!
BLATHER BLATHER

*MOST OF THESE HUMONGOUS TREE TRUNKS ARE CARVED BY GIANT PILOTED ROBOTS

HE IS INDEED THE FINEST PUPIL OF LORD HOURAN, WHO WAS A LIVING TREASURE—
WHEN I FIRST HEARD ABOUT TAKEBE'S TREASON, I FEARED FOR THE FUTURE
BUT WITH TATETSUKI'S MASTERY OF THE ART THE HOU SCHOOL IS SECURE, ONCE MORE!
AND HE POSSESSES AN EXTRAORDINARILY STRONG CHI-- HOWEVER...


THE HOU WAY CONSISTS OF MOVES WHEREIN ONE MUST, WITH THE MIND'S EYE, READ THE SOUL OF THE TREE, IMBUE THE BLADE WITH CHI, AND CARVE WITH A SINGLE STROKE OF THE BLADE
YET TATETSUKI'S CHI BURNS WITH TREACHERY AND VAULTING AMBITION!

SNK
SHWP
SHWIP!
SHWIP!
SHWIP!
OOOOOH!
HE'S ABSOLUTELY AMAZING!
LORD TAKESUKI IS A MASTER!
IT'S THE MARK OF THE HOU SCHOOL!

HISHIMA
IT STILL AMAZES ME
THE CLOUT OF THE HOU SCHOOL HERE ON RYUTEN
HMPH...
..A MERE TRIFLE!
THIS PIDDLING AMOUNT OF POWER .. ALL I HAD TO DO TO GAIN IT WAS TO OBTAIN AND READ THE BOOK OF THE WAY..
LOOK !
THE "GREEN PLANET".. IT MAY SOUND NICE, BUT BASICALLY IT'S ONLY A SUBORDINATE PLANET OF JURA!
RYUTEN'S ENTIRE ECONOMY RESTS ON THE CARVERS' PRODUCTS, AND NOW I AM THE MASTER SCULPTOR HA! KING OF THE WOODCARVERS!
HOW SOON I'VE LOST INTEREST IN THE BACKWARDS PLANET I SOUGHT TO CONQUER!

* THE RULER, IN NAME ONLY, OF RYLITEN

KONK!
AIEEE!!
WH--WHAT'S GOING ON?! MIMASAKA!!
IS EVERY-ONE ALL RIGHT?!
IT SEEMS WE'VE BEEN SEIZED BY AN UNKNOWN SHIP!
MY POOR OUTER HULL'S BEEN SCRATCHED!!
A SCRATCH! YEEK!!
SHOOM
SHAK
!!
HMPH...
ASAHI!!
AT LAST I HAVE FOUND YOU.
ASAHI TAKEBE!!
FNSSH

I POSSESS THE BOOK OF THE WAY. THE HOU SCHOOL IS MINE.
YET ALREADY WHAT WERE MY ENDS HAVE BECOME SIMPLY THE MEANS
BUT OF COURSE
THAT IS WHY WE DECIDED TO TAKE YOUR SIDE!
NOW, I HAVE GOOD NEWS.
WHAT IS IT?!
HAVE YOU TRACKED DOWN MIMASAKA ?!
GOOD WORK !
AND ASAHI ? HAS SHE BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY ?!
ONE STEP AT A TIME.
ALL I SAID WAS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN LOCATED
VERY SHORTLY, MUSHIMA WILL ENGAGE THEM...
VWM
VWM
VWM
VWM

MY, MY, MY...
DID TATETSUKI INSTRUCT ME NOT TO INJURE ASAHI...?
AYEKA, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ?
I-I'M FINE .. BUT WHAT ABOUT ASAHI?
GRRRR !!!
SHE'S UNCON-SCIOUS...
BUT SHE'S NOT HURT TOO BAD.

FWWWT
WHO THE HELL IS HE ?!
ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS, ASAHI ?
EH HUH ?!
.....
HOW DARE YOU TOUCH MY PRETTY SHIP!!
YOU !!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SCRATCHED MIMASAKA, AREN'T YOU ?!
SHHHH! CALM DOWN, ASAHI!
THIS GUY COULD BE VERY DANGER-OUS!
SWAT
LOOK OUT !!
!

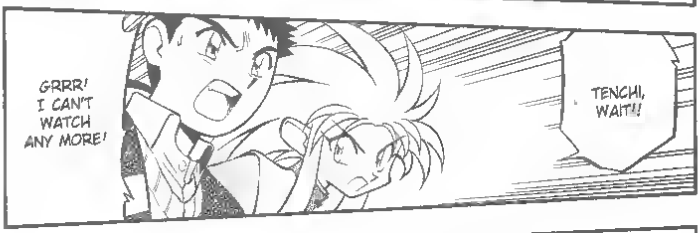
WOOMSH
SKAK
SKRAK
SKAK
OH, MY GOSH! TH-THAT'S A GAGUTIAN!
A GOO-GOO WHAT?
WHAT'S GOING ON, WASHU?
AH...A GAGUTIAN! WHAT A RARE OPPOR-TUNITY!
THEY WERE SAID TO HAVE DIED OUT A LONG TIME AGO, BUT I SEE THERE WERE SURVIVORS.
LET'S SEE HERE-, "GAGUTIAN" ...
Encyclopedia of Rare and Unusual Items
"NORMALLY A STANDARD HUMANOID FORM, BUT WHEN TRANSFORMED EXHIBITS EXTRAORDINARY STRENGTH." HOW CONVENIENT!

HOW DARE YOU !!
WHOOSH
BUDDY, YOU'RE TOAST!
WHOA! HOLD IT!
THWAK THWOK
WAIT !!
FORGIVE MY COARSE MANNERS
SKSH SKRM
SKKRK
BUT, PLEASE, ALLOW ME TO INTERVENE HERE!
!!

AAA
WASH
FWUP!
SPLASH
UNGH!!
G-
GOHGE!
!!

I HAVE ALWAYS DREAMED OF EXCHANGING BLOWS WITH A GAGUTIAN!
SHLICK
IF I LOSE, I SWEAR TO LEAVE YOU ALL IN PEACE!
SLASH
I AM MUSHIMA! AND YOU, SIR? NAME YOURSELF!
I AM THE MONK GOHGEI OF THE SHINING FAITH DIVINE SECT!
AND THIS BATTLE
WILL BE YOUR LAST !!!
BROWN

SMASH
FWUMP
YOU ARE SKILLED, MONK..
EACH OF THOSE BLOWS SHOULD HAVE BEEN FATAL-- BUT YOUR SMALLEST MOVES HAVE DEFLECTED THEM!
HOWEVER, UNLESS YOU CAN DODGE ALL OF MY MANEUVERS, YOU WON'T STAND A CHANCE AT VICTORY!


GRRR! I CAN'T WATCH ANY MORE!
TENCHI, WAIT!!

GOHGEI'S BEEN HOLDING HIS CHI IN CHECK!
IT'S NOT GOING TO END LIKE THIS!

HEH, HEH, HEH... NO ENEMY OF ANY RACE HAS EVER BEEN ABLE TO COUNTER MY TACTICS!
WISH
WISH
WISH
YOU SHALL BE UTTERLY DEFEATED-- WITHOUT LAYING A SINGLE FINGER ON ME!
HYA HAHA HAHA !!
HIS SPEED AND AGILITY-- ASTOUNDING!
NOOOO-- JUST SURRENDER, GOHGEI!!

.....
...AND NOW MY BESTIAL AGILITY WILL BE YOUR UNDOING!! NEVER...
...MISJUDGE A GAGUTIAN !!
NO !!!

THIS IS IT, GAGUTIAN !!!
SHAAA
NOOO !!
WHAT ?!
I-IT CAN'T BE!
HE EVADED MY DEATH BLOW?!
FMP
I'VE HAD TIME TO ANALYZE YOUR ATTACKS...
FSSSH

H-HE WON!
WHAT AN INCREDIBLE SHOW OF POWER-- HE IS A TRUE GAGUTIAN!
AAHHN
>KOFF< TH-THAT WAS M-MAGNIFICENT
N-NOW, TH-THE FINISHING BLOW..
HUH FFFF

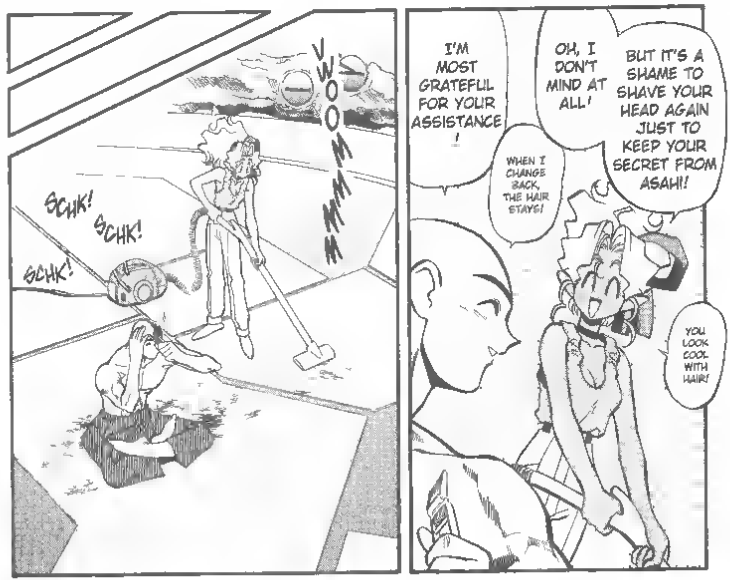
!!
WOMEN ARE TO BE TREATED WITH KINDNESS AND CONSIDERATION ..!
TO RAISE YOUR HAND AGAINST THEM IS UNFORGIVABLE !!

!!
YOU KNEW ABOUT MY ARM!
I-I CONCEDE MY TOTAL DEFEAT...
PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR HAVING RAISED A HAND AGAINST THE LADIES...

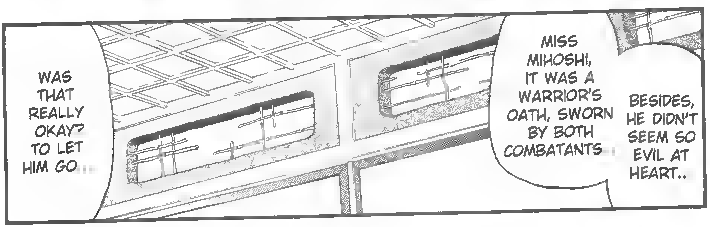
VMM
VMM
VMM VMM

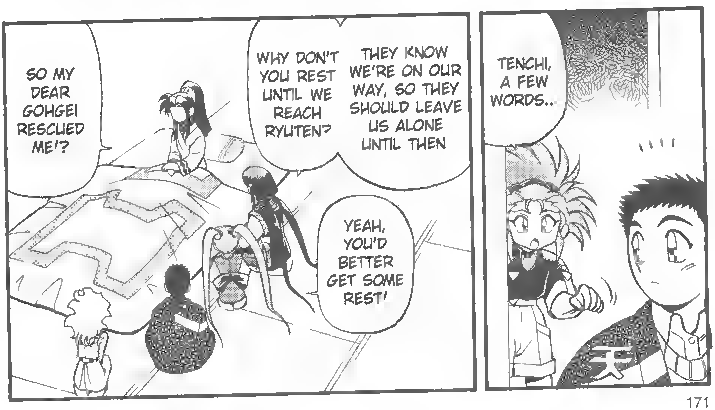
W-WAIT...
YOU LEAVE OUR CONTEST UNFINISHED! D-DO YOU INSULT MY HONOR?
GRAAA
WHUP
SKTCH
I INTEND YOU NO SLIGHT...
!!
IT WAS A GOOD CONTEST.
IF YOUR RIGHT ARM HAD BEEN IN TOP CONDITION, I MIGHT HAVE BEEN DEFEATED!
LET US MEET AND DO BATTLE AGAIN WHEN WE ARE BOTH IN PEAK CONDITION!

GOHGEI ASKED THAT WE KEEP HIS TRANSFORMATION A SECRET FROM LADY ASAHI
WELL, I CAN CERTAINLY SEE WHY!
THEN IT'S OUR SECRET!?
YUP! LATER...
I CAN'T HELP WORRYING
FROM ALL THAT LADY ASAHI'S TOLD US, I WOULDN'T HAVE THOUGHT TATETSUKI HAD THE CONNECTIONS TO HIRE SUCH POWERFUL HENCHMEN
I GUESS WE'RE BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY...


VWOOMMM
SCHK!
SCHK!
SCHK!
I'M MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE!
OH, I DON'T MIND AT ALL!
BUT IT'S A SHAME TO SHAVE YOUR HEAD AGAIN JUST TO KEEP YOUR SECRET FROM ASAHI!
WHEN I CHANGE BACK, THE HAIR STAYS!
YOU LOOK COOL WITH HAIR!

BOOM
WHAT ARE THE ODDS ?
F-FIRST, MASAKI KATSUHITO NOW GOHGE!
TO EXCHANGE BLOWS WITH SUCH VETERAN WARRIORS HAS BEEN FULFILLING
I HAVE NO REGRETS


WAS THAT REALLY OKAY? TO LET HIM GO...
MISS MIHOSHI, IT WAS A WARRIOR'S OATH, SWORN BY BOTH COMBATANTS
BESIDES, HE DIDN'T SEEM SO EVIL AT HEART..


SO MY DEAR GOHGE! RESCUED ME!?
WHY DON'T YOU REST UNTIL WE REACH RYUTEN?
THEY KNOW WE'RE ON OUR WAY, SO THEY SHOULD LEAVE US ALONE UNTIL THEN
YEAH, YOU'D BETTER GET SOME REST!
TENCHI, A FEW WORDS..

.....
I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT ...
YOU HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF WISDOM, LADY MIHOSHI.
AND LORD TENCHI IS A LUCKY FELLOW INDEED, TO HAVE YOU THINK SO HIGHLY OF HIM.
WHAT--?! HOW DID YOU KNOW?! NO FAIR!
THOUGH I AM A MONK, TO HAVE TO BE TAUGHT THE UNIVERSALITY OF LOVE SHOWS THAT AT HEART I AM STILL A NOVICE...
OH, DEAR! OH, NO!
WASHU, WHAT'S MIHOSHI DOING?
WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S CERTAINLY FUN TO WATCH!
I MUST DEVOTE MYSELF TO FURTHER STUDIES!
WITH A HUMOROUS MONK JOINING THE GANG, THERE'LL BE EVEN FEWER PAGES LEFT FOR TENCHI!
SEE YOU NEXT TIME, WHEN OUR FRIENDS REACH THEIR DESTINATION PLANET RYUTEN!

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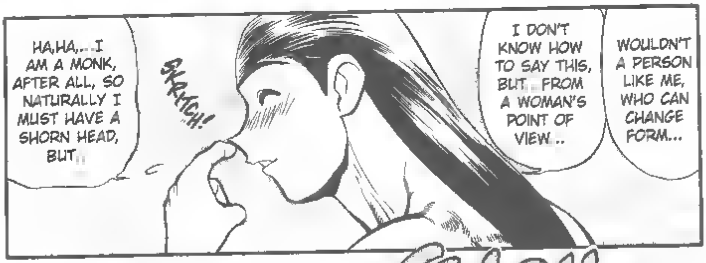
HA,HA,...I AM A MONK, AFTER ALL, SO NATURALLY I MUST HAVE A SHORN HEAD, BUT...
SKRATCH!
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY THIS, BUT...FROM A WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW...
WOULDN'T A PERSON LIKE ME, WHO CAN CHANGE FORM...

...SEEM A LITTLE, UH, WEIRD?

GNOM
WEIRD? NOPE!
NO, NO--NOT AT ALL!

I MEAN, TAKE ME, FOR EXAMPLE...

THE PERSON I LIKE HAS A DIFFERENT SKIN COLOR AND DIFFERENT EARS, BUT...
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER A SINGLE BIT TO ME!♡
OOH, I SAID IT! ♡
IS MY FACE RED?!
SWITCH
HOP!
HOP!

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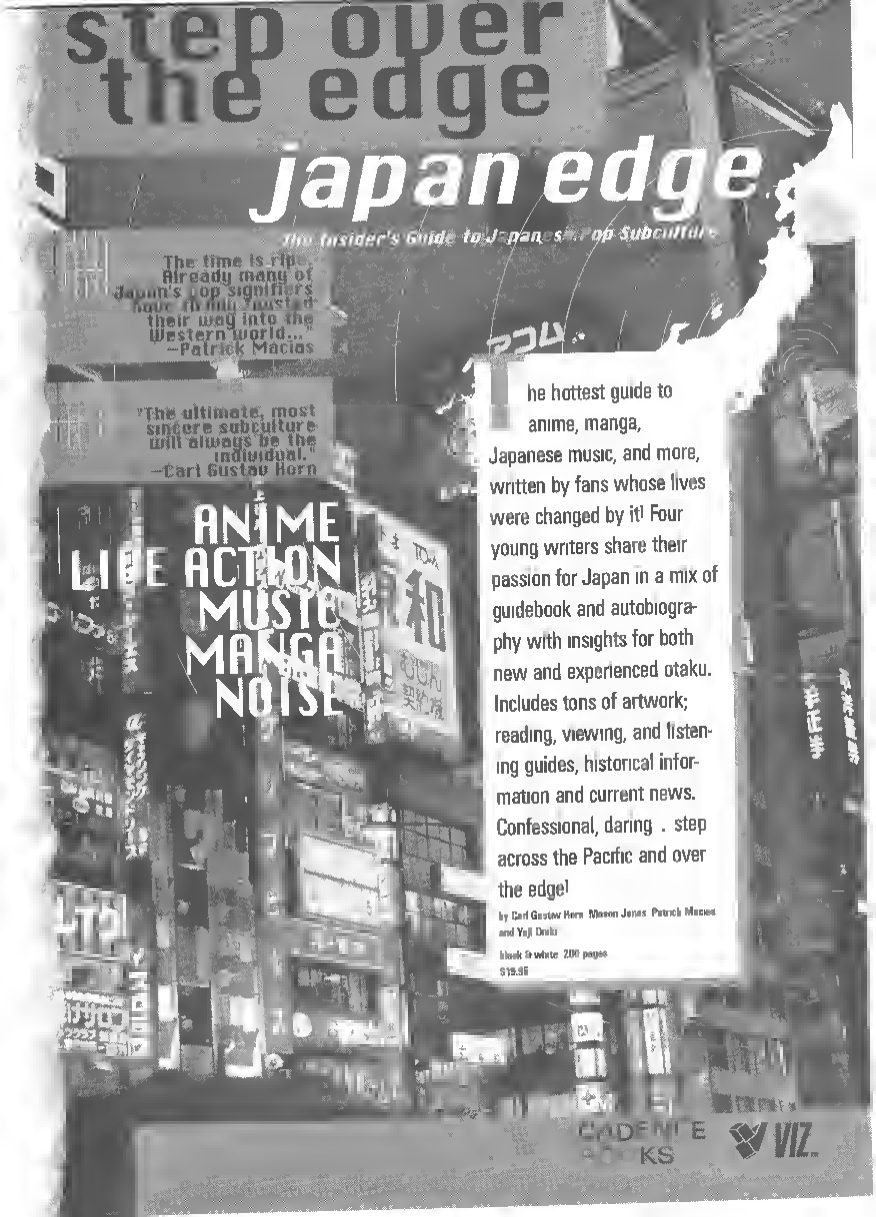
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